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## NANTAO DEFIANCE MORE THAN BRAVADO

Compelling Japanese To Divert Strong Force  
DRAMATIC FORCED MARCH  
FROM HANGCHOW

CHINESE THROWING  
OUT FLANKS TO  
TAIHU LAKE

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT)

Shanghai, 1.30 p.m., To-day.

In a dramatic forced march from Sungkiang, which fell after sharp fighting yesterday, the Japanese main body which landed at Hangchow Bay a few days ago, has now occupied Tsinpu, ten miles south of Hwangtu on the Shanghai-Nanking Railway, and is threatening the Chinese right flank, which appears to be swinging round, and to be engaged in a race to the Taihu Lake to preventing the rolling-up of the entire Chinese line.

Tsinpu fell into their hands at 10 a.m. to-day, but foreign military observers report that the importance of failure to check the Hangchow advance seems to have been well appreciated by the Chinese command and the main peril has, for the time being, been averted.

The position of the 10,000 odd Chinese troops in the old Chinese city of Nantao is extremely precarious and they may, at any time, be completely surrounded by the Japanese, who have concentrated large forces along the Siccawei and Zauhwei Creeks in an attempt to force a quick decision.

Severe fighting occurred this morning, and observers along the French Concession boundary report that hitherto all Japanese onslaughts have been beaten off, with losses high.

The Chinese troops in Nantao declare their intention of fighting to the last man rather than surrender and another Chapei seems to be in prospect when the Japanese are able to bring their artillery into position.

### MORE THAN BRAVADO

There is a strong belief that the Nantao battle represents something more than reckless bravado on the part of the Chinese troops and that their task in the general operations for which they volunteered, is to compel the Japanese to retain a large body of troops on this sector for at least a few days, so that the troops withdrawing to new positions and meeting the new challenge from the south may have a better opportunity of consolidation without

suffering unduly heavy casualties. In an official statement on the withdrawal, the Chinese headquarters spokesman said that any other course would have resulted in unnecessarily heavy losses and an unsound strategic position.

### FOREIGN FEARS

Foreign authorities, particularly those of the French Concession, are afraid that Nantao will suffer the fate of Nantao if the Chinese troops there are determined, as they proclaim, to hold out and that serious incidents affecting foreign interests may become involved.

With no waterway like the Soochow Creek to offer assistance to the International Defence Force, the situation is viewed with some anxiety.

### NANHSIANG FRONT

On the Nanhsiang front, following a heavy preliminary bombardment, frontal attacks were launched by the Asama and Wachi Brigades

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### "WAR WILL CONTINUE FOR LONG PERIOD"

Tokyo, 1 p.m., To-day.

"Anyone who imagines that the developments in Shanghai are the prelude to an early termination of the war may quickly divest themselves of the hope," declared Mr. Sato, Secretary to the War Office, on his return from the Shanghai war front to-day.

Mr. Sato said that it was apparent that the Chinese had not lost their spirit of resistance and that until they had given up the idea of resistance, the war would go on.

The War Office is paying no attention to suggestions that there can be an understanding in present circumstances.

China has lodged an appeal to the Nine-Power Conference and is plainly still relying upon the pos-

### JAPANESE ISSUE WARNING

Shanghai, 1.35 p.m., To-day. The Japanese authorities have warned non-combatants to evacuate Nantao immediately as the Japanese Army and Navy proposed to begin "mopping up" operations this afternoon.

The warning, it is believed, heralds the intention of commencing a destructive bombardment by artillery and naval forces, together with a large-scale aerial bombing attack. —Reuter.

sibility of third-party intervention, in the meantime continuing an active anti-Japanese policy.

The Japanese Army will continue to adopt a punishing policy and as long as China resists the war will continue.

Mr. Sato ventured the belief that it will continue "for a long period."

Another War Office spokesman stated that the Japanese will soon start decisive action to smash Chinese resistance in the Yangtze Valley. —Our Own Correspondent.

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Add up the numbers you've got at the end. Any number between 0 and 6 means you're not jealous at all.

Take care; that's sometimes dangerous.

If your marks are between 7 and 30 you are normally jealous. But if the marks add up to anything between 31 and 45 you'd better ask yourself if you're not suffering from a morbid, exaggerated jealousy which will cause you trouble.

\* \* \*

1. Have you ever gone through the pockets of your husband's suits?

2. Do you read his letters if he leaves them about?

3. Have you ever opened a letter addressed to him and marked "Personal"?

## WHAT DO YOU SAY WHEN HE TALKS TO A GIRL?

4. Do you feel uneasy when he talks to a friend about a woman whom you don't know?

5. Are you anxious when he goes out a lot in the evenings to parties that he tells you are "Business"?

## CAN YOU FACE THESE 15 QUESTIONS?

6. When he comes home, do you look to see if he has powder on his shoulder, rouge on his handkerchief, or a strange perfume on his tie?

7. Do you get cold feet when he introduces a woman to you and says, "She's a childhood friend"?

8. During an evening out, do you stare without ceasing at the woman he's talking to when you don't know her?

9. When you are dancing and he remarks on a pretty woman, do you feel obliged to say, "If you want to dance with her, don't bother about me"?

10. Do you insist that he should dance with her again, saying, "She has a pretty nose, but her hands are hideous"?

11. Do you cross-question him when he comes home late?

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12. Do you question his friends, as if by chance, to find out if he was out with them, as he told you?

13. In front of his friends, do you pretend to be indifferent, assuring them that "he is quite free, I'm not jealous at all"?

14. Do you call up his office at times when he's told you he'll be there?

15. Do you ask him often about the names, colour of eyes, type of women that he knew before he met you?

## ITEMS FOR THE HOUSEWIFE

**Season Lightly**—Be careful when doubling a recipe not to double the seasoning. Use it sparingly at first, then add more if needed.

**Eliminating Food Odors**—A small quantity of charcoal in a container on the top shelf will help eliminate food odors from the refrigerator.

**Rhubarb and Figs**—To one pound rhubarb, after peeling and cutting, add half pound good figs, cut into smallish pieces. Place in a saucepan with a very little water and about a dessertspoon golden syrup or sugar and gently stew till tender. Serve with a rice or sago mold or hot milk pudding.

**Shaping Knitting Needle**—Before using a circular knitting needle, immerse it in hot water for a few minutes to make it pliable. Before it cools, and hardens, hold it in knitting position, and make any desired adjustments such as straightening the ends. This dispenses with a long breaking-in period.

**Unwrap Food**—Food should not be stored in the refrigerator while wrapped in paper because the paper prevents the cold air from circulating freely over it.

**Hole in Tablecloth**—If a small hole is burnt or worn in anotherwise good white tablecloth, it can be "mended" most effectively by stitching a motif in fine crochet over it and cutting away the spoiled

fabric underneath. Add one or two more motifs so that the necessary one does not look odd. This is certainly more decorative than an obvious darn!

**Eggs in Potatoes**—Bake potatoes. Cut off tops, scoop out centres and season with butter, salt and a little pepper, mashing thoroughly. Half fill shells with potato mixture and drop a raw egg, salt, pepper, a little grated cheese and one teaspoon butter in each. Put back in hot oven for four minutes to set egg.

**Glazing Liquid for Cookies**—A mixture of two tablespoons of sugar and one-fourth cup of milk makes a good glazing liquid for cookies. Apply on the surface of the dough with a pastry brush before baking the cookies.

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Wilhelm Backhaus (Piano).  
Mazurka Op. 41, No. 1.  
Mazurka Op. 50, No. 2.  
Ignaz Friedman (Piano).  
12.45 p.m.—Light Orchestral.  
The Nuremberg Doll—Overture (Adam)...Grand Symphony Orch.  
Circus Time—Serenade For Strings (T. De La Riviere).  
Intermezzo Pizzicato (Montagne Birch)...Bournemouth Municipal Orchestra.  
Bedroom Memories—Waltz Potpourri (arr. Carl Bobrecht).  
Orchestra Mascotte.  
1 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.  
1.03 p.m.—Marek Weber and His Orchestra and Frances Day (Soprano).  
1.30 p.m.—Renter and Rugby Press.  
Local Weather Report and Announcements.  
1.40 p.m.—Gracie Fields.  
2.15 p.m.—Close down.  
5-8.05 p.m.—European Programme.  
8.05-11 p.m.—Chinese Programme.  
5 p.m.—Relay of the Dance Orchestra from the Roof-Garden of the Hong Kong Hotel.  
6.30 p.m.—Variety.  
6.54 p.m.—The Fair Maid Of Perth.

Suite (Bisot).  
Sir Thomas Beecham conducting the London Philharmonic Orchestra.  
7.15 p.m.—London Relay—'All In Pink' 2: 'Yolka' and probably Tally-ho! An Empire revue by Lauri Wylie. Lyrics and music by various authors and composers. Production by William MacLurg.  
8 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.  
8.05 p.m.—Chinese Studio Concert.  
11 p.m.—Close down.  
8.05-11 p.m.—European Programme from ZEK. On a Frequency of 840 Kilocycles.  
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Four Jolly Sailors (from 'A Princess of Kensington').  
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Quartet: Francis Russell, Parry Jones, Raymond Newell & Harry Dearth.  
Down in Demerara (Traditional).  
Raymond Newell & the B.B.C. Male Chorus.  
8.15 p.m.—London Relay—'World Affairs'. A talk by H. Wickham Steed.  
8.30 p.m.—New Dance Music.  
9 p.m.—London Relay—The Lord Mayor's Banquet. Speech by the Prime Minister, the Rt. Hon. Neville Chamberlain, M.P. From Guildhall, London.  
9.30 p.m.—London Relay—The News.  
9.50 p.m.—Violin Solos.  
Carmen—Fantasy

(Bisot-arr. Sarasate).  
Efram Zimbalist.  
Nigun (from 'Baal Shem'—Bloch).  
Joseph Szigeti.  
10.05 p.m.—Piano Solos by Horowitz.  
Mazurka In C Sharp Minor, No. 50.  
No. 3 (Chopin).  
Study In C Sharp Minor Op. 10, No. 4.  
Study In G Flat Major Op. 10, No. 5 (Chopin).  
Valse Oubliee (Liszt).  
Capriccio In F Minor (Dohnanyi).  
10.19 p.m.—Tchaikowsky 'Symphony No. 6 In B Minor, Op. 74 (The 'Pathétique' Symphony)'. Played by the Boston Symphony Orchestra conducted by Serge Koussevitzky.  
11 p.m.—Close down.

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### G.M.T.

8.15 a.m.—Big Ben. Beethoven Symphony No. 5 in C minor, Op. 67.  
8.55 a.m.—'World Affairs'. A talk by H. Wickham Steed.  
9.10 a.m.—A Pianoforte Interlude.  
9.20 a.m.—The Lord Mayor's Show.  
9.33 a.m.—The News and Announcements. Greenwich Time Signal at 9.45 a.m.  
9.55 a.m.—The Lord Mayor's Banquet.  
10.30 a.m.—Close Down.

### TRANSMISSION 2

Frequencies—  
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10.45 a.m.—Big Ben. The Pianoforte. Music of Schubert.  
11.15 a.m.—'All In Pink'.  
12.00 p.m.—Light Orchestral Music.  
12.15 p.m.—'World Affairs'. A talk by H. Wickham Steed.  
12.30 p.m.—The Song Reporter.  
12.45 p.m.—The Vagabond Lover.  
1 p.m.—The Lord Mayor's Banquet.  
1.30 p.m.—Big Ben. The News and Announcements. Greenwich Time Signal at 1.45 p.m.  
1.55 p.m.—Close Down.

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#### Frequencies—

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GSJ (to 3.30 p.m.) 21.53 Mc/s

2.15 p.m.—Big Ben.  
Beethoven Symphony No. 5 in C minor, Op. 67.  
2.55 p.m.—Musical Interlude.  
3 p.m.—Music-Hall.  
4 p.m.—Big Ben. The News and Announcements. Greenwich Time Signal at 4.15 p.m.  
4.20 p.m.—The Lord Mayor's Banquet.  
4.50 p.m.—Orchestral Music.  
5 p.m.—Close Down.

### BERLIN BROADCAST

On stations DJA 31.38 m, DJB 19.74 m, DJE 16.29 m, DJN 31.45 m, DJQ 19.63 m.

### H.K.T.

3 p.m.—News and Economic Review.  
4.15 p.m.—The Youth Movement in Germany (in English).  
4.30 p.m.—Request Concert.  
8 p.m.—News.  
9.15 p.m.—'Little Rose upon the Heath'—Music and Poetry.  
10 p.m.—News and Economic Review.  
10.05 p.m.—To-day in Germany.  
10.30 p.m.—All Sorts of People of Yesterday and To-day. Pictures of German life.

## BRIDGE NOTES

By ELY CULBERTSON

## Double-Dummy

Outside of the United States and Great Britain there is probably no place on the globe where there is so much interest in bridge as in the Scandinavian countries, Norway, Sweden and Denmark. So keen is interest there that one of the leading newspapers annually conducts a tournament at which attendance in the finals out-distances all records made by American events of this type. The Scandinavian people, profiting perhaps from their long winter nights, of specialise in the deeper problems both of bidding and play.

Recently a nation-wide problem-composing competition was conducted in Norway, and first prize was given to Mr. Gustav Devold, whose entry was the following:

S-10 6 4  
H-7 6 3  
D-A 10 2  
C-8 6 5 4

SA 9 3 2 N S K J 7  
HA W EH Q J 10 8 5 4  
DK J 9 7 5 4 S D 8 6  
CA 7 C J 10

S-Q 8 5  
H-K 9 2  
D-Q 3  
C-K Q 9 3 2

In double-dummy problems the question of bidding is immaterial. A certain contract is assumed and the question is how either the declarer or the defence can take a certain number of tricks. In the hand above hearts are trumps with East as declarer. South is the leader, and North and South are required

to win four tricks against any line of play followed by the holders of the East and West hands.

A study of the hands shows three tricks as practically certain—one trick in clubs, one in trumps and one in diamonds. The means by which the fourth trick can be attained is not so apparent. In the following solution the line of play followed by East is assumed. The possible variations are left to the reader's imagination.

The opening lead is the club King, which is won by the Ace in dummy, and the return is a small spade, which East wins with the King. East now leads the diamond six and finesses the Jack in dummy, which North allows to hold; and the next lead, the diamond King, drops South's Queen and is taken by North's Ace. South is now given an opportunity to cash his club trick and after that dummy's lone Ace of trumps is removed. Then East ruffs a small diamond with the heart ten, South discarding a spade. And when East returns the heart Queen, South wins with the King and returns the spade Queen, removing the entry in Dummy for the established diamonds. Now, no matter what play is made by declarer, South can cash his heart nine.

It will be observed that a trump lead at the beginning will serve no useful purpose in holding the declarer's side to three tricks as the hand diamonds cannot be established and South must win one spade trick. The hand presents many interesting problems in play.

## What's On At the Cinemas

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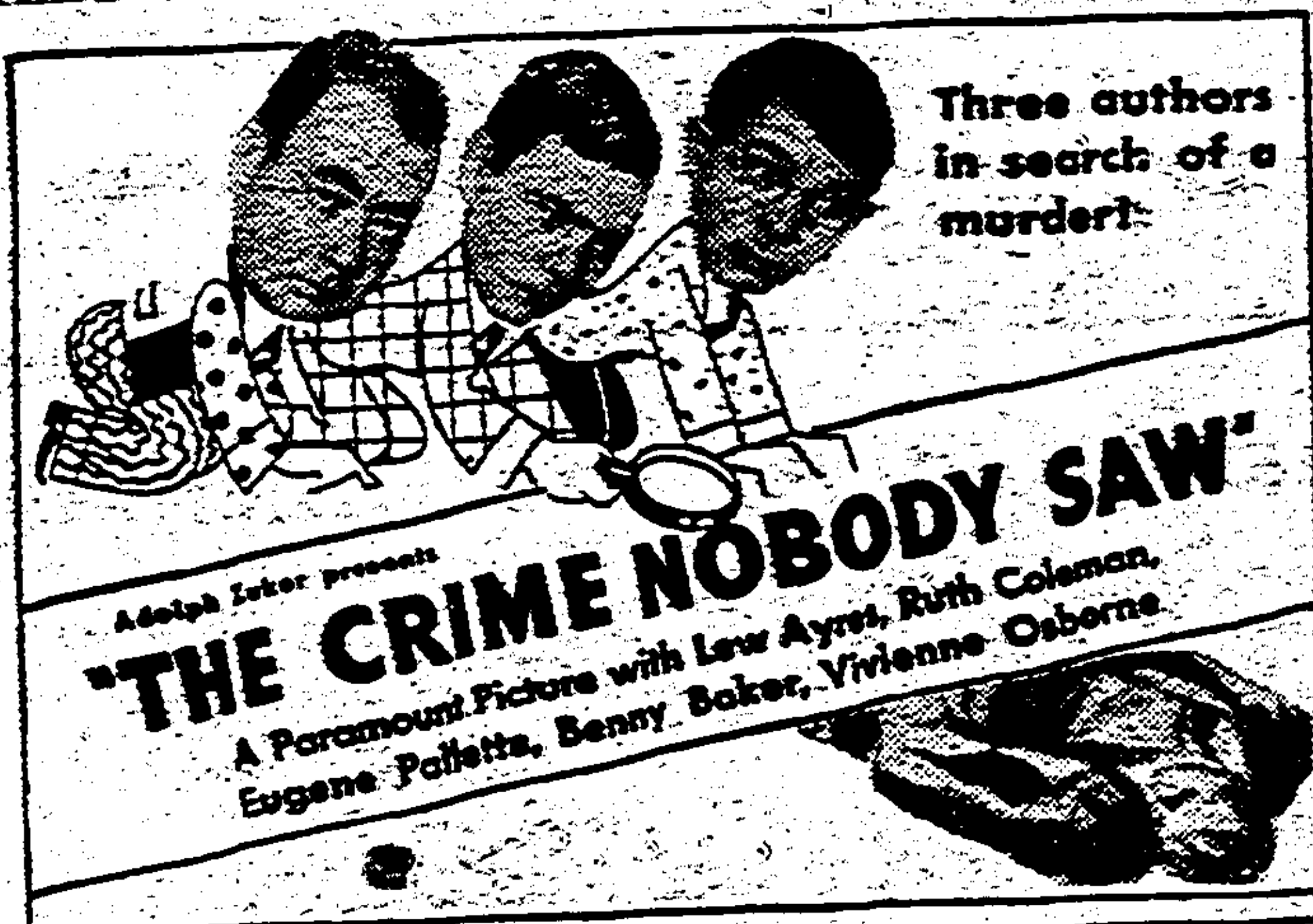
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London, To-day.

The War Secretary told the Commons at question-time that recruiting has been steadily improving in recent months.

Figures to be issued for the London area would again show a striking increase of over 100 per cent. as compared with the corresponding week of last year. He denied that there had been any lowering in the standard of physique for the army medical examination, but caused some amusement by admitting that he had authorized the removal of a limitation on the number of false teeth allowed to applicants. British Wireless

**FLASHBACK FROM STOKES  
HOLD BELIEVED CAUSE  
OF KAITANGATA'S LOSS**

Gasolene vapour which found its way from No. 2 Hold to the stokehold and was ignited when the fires were being cleaned, was, in the opinion of the Court of Inquiry into the burning of the Kaitangata, the cause of the disaster.

In the course of yesterday's sitting, Mr. Thomas Easdale, chief engineer, gave evidence of noticing a smell of gasolene in the stokehold some hours before the outbreak, but said that as he had, on previous occasions, when carrying a similar cargo under the same conditions also noticed the smell, he did not think it sufficiently serious to report.

The following was the finding of the Court:—

The s.s. Kaitangata, official number 123623 was on a voyage from Hong Kong to Haiphong with a cargo of 23,342 cases of aviation spirit and 995 cases of lubricating oil.

The ship left Hong Kong at 5.47 a.m. on October 24, 1937 and experienced light north-easterly winds and a slight swell. On October 25, 1937, when in a position Lat. 20 degrees, 40' North, Long. 112 degrees East, a violent explosion occurred in No. 2 hold a few minutes after midnight.

**FLAMES RAPID**

The flames spread rapidly and explosions occurred in other holds and the ship was eventually abandoned, and sank with the loss of 18 Chinese members of the crew and other, who subsequently died from injuries received.

The cargo appears to have been well stowed, hatches were covered with tarpaulins and ventilators plugged.

We are of the opinion that gasolene vapour found its way from No. 2 hold to the stokehold and was ignited when the fires were being cleaned.

We are unable definitely to say how the vapour arrived in the stokehold but there is a reasonable supposition that it leaked through the wooden fore bulkhead of the cross bunker, thence through the cross bunker and the water-tight doors in the stokehold bulkhead.

In these circumstances, we consider that a flashback to the source from which the vapour originated may have taken place resulting in the first explosion in No. 2 hold.

**COURT'S RECOMMENDATION**

We make the following recommendations:—

That when low-flash inflammable liquids are stored under hatches, they should only be carried in compartments the bulkheads of which are gas-tight and without openings and such cargo should not be adjacent to the boiler-room.

The following was the composition of the court:—The Hon. Comdr. J. B. Newill, D.S.O., R.N. (Retrd.), Acting Harbour Master, President, Lieut. Comdr. M. V. Keogh, R.N., H.M. Naval Dockyard, Mr. W. O. Lambert, Government Marine Surveyor, Capt. C. Asquith, master of the s.s. Scalaria, and Capt. N. Hardie, master of the s.s. Kingyuan.

Two thefts from rooms at the Gloucester Hotel have been reported to the Police. Mrs. J. G. Flynn lost a fountain pen from her room, No. 406, while Mrs. G. Lico lost a gold watch from room No. 403.

**POLITICAL  
DEVELOPMENTS  
IN BUCHAREST**

Bucharest, To-day.

The Rumanian Prime Minister, M. Tartaescu, had a lengthy audience of King Carol yesterday afternoon, when he handed an exhaustive memorandum reviewing foreign and home political achievements of his government in the past four years.

The audience gave rise to rumours that the Government was resigning but this was quashed by an official statement.

The Premier refused to grant an interview to eager newspapermen, but later the King held consultations with various party leaders.

As the mandate of the present Parliament and the Government itself, expires next Monday, it is hoped that reconstruction of the Cabinet will have been completed by Saturday at the latest.—Trans-Ocean.

**REARMAMENT  
IN PRAGUE**

Prague, To-day.

National defence needs are well to the forefront in the Czechoslovakian Budget for 1938, presented in Parliament by the Finance Minister yesterday.

The Minister announced that from 1934 to to-day the Government had spent the sum of 5,830,000,000 crowns for extraordinary armaments.—Trans-Ocean.

**HAIG STATUE  
UNVEILING**

London, To-day.

Representatives of the Colonial military forces at the unveiling of the Haig Statue by the Duke of Gloucester to-day include officers and non-commissioned officers drawn from the Somaliland Camel Corps, the King's African Rifles, the Fiji Defence Force, the Nigeria Regiment, Royal West African Frontier Force and the Southern and Northern Brigades, King's African Rifles.—British Wireless.

**LEBANON  
PARLIAMENT**

Beirut, To-day.

The newly-elected Lebanon Parliament yesterday passed an unanimous vote of confidence in the Government.

Parliament also decided to contribute 100,000 francs to alleviate distress caused by the recent floods.—Trans-Ocean.



## MARSEILLES OUTRAGE RECALLED

Paris, To-day.  
An echo of the assassination of King Alexander of Yugo-Slavia and M. Louis Barthou (the French Foreign Minister) at Marseilles in 1934, was heard yesterday when agents of the Surete arrested a 40-year-old Hungarian at Valenciennes.

The Hungarian, named Koloman Budai, was formerly a lawyer and now calls himself a journalist, and is suspected of having been implicated in the assassination.

In his pockets were found plans of Cannes and Paris, on which several streets were marked in red ink.

### FORGED PAPERS

It is believed he was a member of the terrorist gang which attempted to assassinate members of the Hungarian delegation at Geneva in 1935.

He had 74 different identification cards on his person when arrested. —Trans-Ocean.

## KING OPENS NEW VETERINARY COLLEGE

London, To-day.

The Queen accompanied the King yesterday when he opened the new buildings of the Royal Veterinary College and Hospital. The College was founded in 1791 and the new buildings have been erected at a cost of about £295,000, towards which the Government gave £150,000.

The full scheme provides for the erection of a large Animals' Hospital in the future.

The group of buildings includes a Research Institute in Animal Pathology and a free clinic for the treatment of the animals of the poor, as well as Canine Hospital and Animal Husbandry Department and research laboratories.

The main college block accommodates four teaching departments of Medicine, Anatomy, Pathology and Physiology, as well as general assembly halls, library, lecture theatres etc. —British Wireless.

## AMBASSADOR POSTPONING RETURN

Shanghai, To-day.

It is understood that the British Ambassador, Sir Hugh Knatchbull-Hugessen, has postponed his return to China from the Netherlands East Indies where he is recuperating after being wounded by a Japanese machine-gun bullet.

Acting on medical advice, the Ambassador is now not expected to

## PALESTINE OUTRAGES CONTINUE

Jerusalem, To-day.

All Jewish shops were closed yesterday while Jewish labourers ceased work for two hours in the afternoon during the funeral of the five Jewish labourers killed in the morning.

The men had been murdered by Arabs while they were en route to work in quarries outside the city. —Reuter.

## BELGIUM'S NEW CABINET COMPLETED

Brussels, To-day.

After a breakdown of negotiations had appeared inevitable yesterday morning, M. Spaak, Foreign Minister in the Van Zeeland Government, succeeded in the afternoon in forming a new Coalition Cabinet.

The new Cabinet's composition is as follows:—

- Premier—M. Paul Spaak (Socialist).
- Finance—M. Henri de Man (Socialist).
- Posts—M. Desire Bouchery (Socialist).
- Public Works—M. Joseph Marlot (Socialist).
- Health—M. Wauters (Socialist).
- Labour—M. Achille Delattre (Socialist).
- Foreign Affairs—M. Paul Spaak (Provisionally).
- Justice—M. de Warinffe (Catholic).
- Agriculture—M. Orban (Catholic).
- Economics—M. Philippe van Isacker (Catholic).
- Colonies—M. E. Rubbens (Catholic).
- Without Portfolio—M. de Vleeschchaene (Catholic).
- Home—M. Diercks (Liberal).
- Defence—General Henri Denis (Non-Party).

### COALITION CABINET

The new Cabinet thus consists of six Catholics, six Socialists, three Liberals, and one Non-Party, General Denis, who held the same post in the retiring Cabinet.

The former Minister of Agriculture, M. Pierlot, was offered the Foreign Ministry, but after first accepting, withdrew later, leaving the post to be provisionally taken by M. Spaak. —Trans-Ocean.

## MUSSOLINI FLIES TO ROME

Rome, To-day.

Signor Mussolini unexpectedly returned to Rome from his country house yesterday, piloting his own plane.

Rumours that the Duce's return was connected with the Soviet protest against Italy's adhesion to the Anti-Comintern Pact, are emphatically denied in official quarters. —Trans-Ocean.

He will resume his duties before the end of the year.

Mr. Douglas MacKillop, lately Counsellor to the Embassy at Moscow, is arriving shortly to take over the duties of Counsellor to the Embassy at Nanking.

Meanwhile, Mr. E. G. Howe is remaining charge d'affaires. —Reuter.

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## KING'S VISIT TO WEST OF ENGLAND

London, To-day.  
When the King visits the West Country at the end of the month, the first day of tour will include visits to Princeton, Tavistock, Launceston Castle, Liskeard, Bodmin, and Camborne.

At Launceston Castle, the very old custom of the presentation of Feudal dues will take place.

Tenants from the Scilly Isles will gather at Camborne to meet their Majesties. The King will spend the night in the royal train and on the following day will visit Taunton and a large number of villages on the way to Bath where he will entrain for London.

British Wireless.

## FEW PRISONERS TAKEN IN BITTER TAIYUANFU STREET BATTLES

Peiping, To-day.

Casualty lists of the Taiyuanfu fighting are not available to foreign newspaper correspondents, but Trans-Ocean learns unofficially that the street fighting in the Shansi capital was the bitterest yet experienced in the Sino-Japanese hostilities.

Scarcely any prisoners were taken, it is learned, those Chinese who fell into Japanese hands being wounded men who no longer had the strength to fight on.

Their comrades went to their death fighting in most heroic fashion. In some cases, individual soldiers would charge towards the advancing Japanese, to fall riddled with dozens of bullets.

Japanese headquarters here describe the Chinese resistance as "heroic" and, although keeping quiet as to their own casualties, it is certain the defenders of Taiyuanfu sold their lives dearly, and that several thousand more soldiers have swelled the Japanese casualty list.—Trans-Ocean.

## TAIYUANFU GARRISON DIE TO LAST MAN

Peiping, To-day.

The Chinese garrison of Taiyuanfu, consisting of an unknown number of troops of the 73rd and 84th Shansi divisions, fought to the last man in desperate hand-to-hand clashes which raged all over the city.

The end came after the Japanese sappers blew up the West Gate, admitting fresh troops which overwhelmed Chinese resistance.

There is no news of the British missionaries who remained in Taiyuan, but the Japanese military authorities have promised to enquire into their fate.

### JAPANESE TRIBUTE

A Japanese spokesman said: "I admire the Chinese soldiers at Taiyuanfu."

"Nowhere else in North China have the Chinese fought so obstinately."

He added that he believed the Chinese troops in the Shansi capital were commanded by General Fu Tso-yi.

"If his body is found among the dead, I will respect him but if he is safe somewhere else, China is weak eternally."

### JAPANESE POWER

Indicating that Japanese strength in Shansi is disproportionately small compared with the Chinese, the spokesman expressed the opinion that the campaign showed the superiority of mechanised equipment and the supremacy of the Japanese military spirit.—Reuter.

London, To-day.

In recent years, a wreath has been laid on the Cenotaph on Armistice Day on behalf of Newfoundland by the Dominions Secretary but in Mr. Malcolm MacDonald's absence at the Brussels Conference, it will be laid on Thursday by the Lord Chancellor.—British Wireless.

## ISOLATED GROUPS STILL HOLD OUT

[From Our Own Correspondent]  
Peiping, 1.15 p.m. To-day.

The Japanese Command, announcing that fighting in Taiyuanfu is practically completed, stated that the heroic defenders were all Shansi troops.

All the Central Government forces, together with other Shansi divisions, are now concentrated about 30 miles south of Taiyuanfu.

The Japanese troops in the Shansi capital are still menaced by snipers, working in isolated groups, while there are a number of small detachments holding out in the suburbs, against which operations of a "mopping-up" nature are in progress.—Our Own Correspondent.

## JAPANESE TROOPS JUST 12 MILES APART

Tokyo, To-day.

Latest War Office reports state that the Japanese troops on the Shanghai front and those who landed in Hangchow Bay, are now only 20 kilometres apart, and expect to effect a junction to-day.

The Hangchow Bay landing force seems to have definitely taken Sungkiang, while the Japanese advancing from Shanghai in a south-easterly direction are within ten kilometres from Shanghai.

A report that the Japanese have actually entered the suburb of Nantao is definitely premature, though an action for this area is the next item on the programme for war-weary Shanghai.—Reuter.

## KINMEN LANDING

Canton, To-day.

Reports from Amoy state that more Japanese troops landed on Kinmen Island yesterday.—Our Own Correspondent.

Mrs. Franks, of No. 246, Prince Edward Road, had reported the loss of a gold wrist watch, valued at \$100, from her home.



# MR. EDEN AT BRUSSELS WITH NEW MANDATE

## Important Secret Conversations Before Meeting

### BRITAIN AND AMERICA TO COOPERATE IN MEDIATION?

Brussels, To-day.

Many important talks are going on behind the scenes at the Brussels Conference, preparatory to to-day's meeting.

In fact, postponement of yesterday's sessions was chiefly necessitated by the need for these preliminary conversations.

In British circles it is thought that the Foreign Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden, who flew back to Brussels from London yesterday, has returned with a new initiative, and that as a consequence the Conference will prove in the course of this week that it has become of decisive importance for the destiny of the Far East.

Clearly, London has returned to the original thesis of possible mediation of the Anglo-Saxon Powers in direct negotiations between China and Japan.

In Japanese circles, however, it is alleged that the attempt by the Anglo-Saxon Power to obtain from the Conference a mandate to negotiate with Japan is a "try on," the Japanese taking the view that they do not want mediation but direct negotiations with China.

#### FRENCH RESERVE

The reserve hitherto shown by France is attributed to necessity of safeguarding her interests in Indo-China. The French delegation, it is said, expected to obtain certain indirect assurances from Japan before showing greater activity at the Conference.

It is, however, believed that Britain will come to some agreement with the United States and France for a common formula for achieving the purpose of the Conference, and that France will accept a certain share of the responsibility.

#### LITVINOFF'S DEPARTURE

The departure of M. Maxim Litvinoff (Russia), following a talk with Mr. Anthony Eden, which at first caused a mild sensation, is now believed to have been the outcome of a mutual agreement so that the Western Powers should have more freedom of movement.—Trans-Ocean.

### BRUSSELS MARKING TIME FOR TOKYO ANSWER

Brussels, To-day.

The idea of creation of a small committee to deal with the Japanese reply to the memorandum of the Nine-Power Conference, has been dropped for the moment anyhow, and until Tokyo's reply is actually received, no decision will be taken on how to deal with it.

THE MEETING OF THE CONFERENCE TO-DAY (WEDNESDAY) WILL BE OF A VERY BRIEF NATURE.

It will apparently hear a short statement by Mr. Norman Davis (U.S.A.), and it is also presumed it will decide whether to adjourn to a fixed date or until receipt of the Japanese reply, which it is now hoped will come by the week-end.

#### ARMISTICE DINNER

The Armistice Day celebrations in Brussels will include a dinner to-day, at which Mr. Norman Davis, Mr. Anthony Eden, the British Foreign Secretary, and heads of the Dominions' delegations will be present.

Mr. Eden yesterday saw, besides M. Maxim Litvinoff (Russia), Mr.

Norman Davis, M. Spaak (the Belgian President of the Conference) and Mr. Quo Tai-chi, Chinese Ambassador to London.—Reuter.

#### M. SPAAK TO ADDRESS CONFERENCE

Brussels, To-day.

The statement to the full conference at three o'clock this afternoon will be read by M. Spaak and not Mr. Norman Davis.

It consists of an explanation of the steps taken by the Belgian Government to

### CHINESE DISASTER IN CALIFORNIA

Walnut Grove (California).

To-day.

At least five are dead as result of a mysterious fire which yesterday burned down a hundred dwellings in the Chinese quarter of this town.

Many of the 2,000 Chinese inhabitants are still unaccounted for.—Reuter.

### GRETA GARBO TAKING HOLIDAY IN EUROPE

Copenhagen, To-day.

Greta Garbo will leave Hollywood on December 1 on a six months holiday trip in Europe according to the Swedish papers.

She will fly from Hollywood to New York, and thence sail to Sweden by a Swedish steamer.

She will be met by her brother and will spend Christmas with her relatives near Stockholm.

She is reported to have signed a contract to appear in a European film in January, after conclusion of which she may extend her stay in Sweden until October next year.—Trans-Ocean.

### BRUSSELS TAKES HOPE FROM SHANGHAI RETREAT

London, To-day.

Several London newspapers suggest that postponement of the Brussels Conference from yesterday to to-day was due to the change in the military situation on the Shanghai front following the Japanese successes.

One paper says that official pessimism has now given way to moderate optimism, since it is now regarded at least as possible that the Japanese reply to Brussels will not be completely negative.—Trans-Ocean.

communicate the memorandum to Japan and may also refer to the informal conversations of the delegates in the last few days.

Mr. Anthony Eden will probably speak.—Reuter.

### WITHDRAWAL DENIAL

Paris, To-day.

Circles close to the Quai d'Orsay deny that the Government has received information of the withdrawal of several thousand Italian troops from Spain.

The reported withdrawal was published in several newspapers.—Trans-Ocean.

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## LORD MAYOR'S SHOW PAGEANTRY

London, To-day.

A pageant of Empire produce and trade was the central feature in the annual Lord Mayor's Show which was witnessed by immense crowds in sunny weather yesterday.

The pageant consisted of tableaux illustrating the main branches of the Empire's resources.

To impress upon the man-in-the-street the importance of agriculture in England and Wales, nine tableaux portrayed various aspects of this industry.

One car represented next year's Empire Exhibition at Glasgow, the biggest affair of its kind since the Wembley Exhibition in 1924.

Sixteen bands of the regular and auxiliary Forces preceded "Sir Harry Twyford, the new Lord Mayor, who rode in his state chariot, while the ancient City Guilds were represented by their respective quaintly styled officers.—Reuter.

## SPECTACULAR GUILDHALL TABLEAU

London, To-day.

The new Lord Mayor and Lady Mayoress were the central figures in a spectacular tableau last night at the reception preceding the Lord Mayor's Banquet in the Guildhall.

In the blue-carpeted library of the Guildhall, Sir Harry Twyford stood in his magnificent gold and black robes while through the long avenue of common council men in their blue robes, the guests approached him. Ambassadors, Cabinet Ministers, Bishops, Judges, Chiefs of the Services, came in constant procession to form one of the most brilliant companies. The most distinguished guests were announced by a fanfare of trumpets, including the Lord Chancellor, who was preceded by the Great Mace of his office. A final fanfare announced the Prime Minister, Mr. Neville Chamberlain, who spoke later in reply to the toast of His Majesty's Ministers.—British Wireless.

## UNIVERSITY PARTY AT H.K. HOTEL

The Hong Kong University Alumni Association are holding a farewell tea party and dance to Sir William Hornell to-day at 5 p.m., in the Roof Garden of Hong Kong Hotel, and that Mr. D. J. Sloss, the new Vice-Chancellor of the Hong Kong University, will be present.

## ARAMIS DELAYED

The m/v Aramis, which was due to sail from Hong Kong to Shanghai on the 12th inst., is delayed by 48 hours. The vessel is at present in Saigon.

## RACING STABLEMEN RESTIVE

London, To-day.

Stablemen at Newmarket are wanting more pay.

They held a meeting last night and decided to form a union under the auspices of the Transport Workers' Union in order to begin negotiations with employers for an increase in wages.—Reuter.

## "THROUGH" TUBE EXPERIMENT IN LONDON

London, To-day.

An interesting experiment for the relief of over-crowding of tube trains at the rush hour is being tried by the London Transport Board.

The usual seven-coach trains on the Edgware-Morden line have two additional coaches attached which are reserved for passengers travelling between a certain number of stations in the outer suburbs and Tottenham Court Road which is the busiest station in the Central London section of this line at these hours.

The two "through" carriages remain in the tunnel at all intermediate stations.

The operation of the new scheme will be watched closely by Transport Board officials to see if it provides any alleviation of the congestion.

With trains running to the capacity of the platforms and at

## SHARP FALL IN COMMODITY PRICES

London, To-day.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer was questioned in the Commons regarding the sharp fall in a number of commodity prices.

Sir John Simon deprecated exaggeration of recent movements and said that the true position was that there had been, in some commodities, a certain setback.

This is no ground for saying that it would be permanent. It was due to causes quite outside Great Britain and, in fact, prices were much higher than at the time of Ottawa. He reaffirmed, however, the adherence of the Government to the declaration on the price level made at Ottawa and reaffirmed by the Empire delegates at the time of the World Economic and Monetary Conference in London in 1933.—British Wireless.

## Chancellor Of Garter Order

London, To-day.

The King has granted to the Duke of Portland the office of Chancellor of the Most Noble Order of the Garter, vacant by the resignation of Dr. Strong, late Bishop of Oxford.—British Wireless.

the closest possible intervals consistent with safety, no further relief except by a device of the sort now under test appears possible.—British Wireless.

## THE WORLD GOES B / By "ULYSSES"

It takes a lot to beat American statisticians. But not even they have been able to publish any figures for the number of men and women who have married a Box Number.

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"Bachelor, 33, Church of England, tall, good position and prospects, interested social questions and fond of sport, seeks wife, 25-30, domesticated, honourable, preferably not talkative, with small private income. No widows."

That is typical. In England the advertisers lay stress on their domesticity, their refinement and culture, their belief in religion and their skill at cooking and sewing.

They would be horrified if they were asked to meet this advertiser in an American marriage magazine:

"Classy little brunette of the flapper type. Have received many compliments on my shapely figure and exquisitely modelled ankles."

"Have wonderful skin and beautiful long eye-lashes. Am a classy dresser, play piano and have had some experience in housework and cooking."

"Wish to marry and would live anywhere. Write, and learn more."

A New York periodical, "Trips," finds the French the most practical, as well as the most enthusiastic, matrimonial advertisers.

However lonely and romantic, however passionate, the French never forget that each line of an advertisement costs money!

Thus "jeune fille" becomes "j.f." and "br." means "brunette."

So you have to know French pretty well to appreciate the following advertisement which recently appeared in "Candide":

"Reg. Lyon, bel j.f., 25, remarqu. int. cult. br. at sens. esp. d. mar. beau de fonct. car. lib. qu. mor. ind. P. sex div. abs. -5511."

What she means is that she is a "pretty young woman of twenty-five, intelligent and cultivated, brunette, affectionate, sensitive, will inherit desirable harmonious marriages with officer, functionary or professional man. Moral qualities essential. Triflers and divorced men not wanted. -5511."

## FRENCH AIR ARMADA SHOWING FLAG

Paris, To-day.

A French air armada, comprising nearly a hundred planes, is now en route to "show the flag" over France's far-flung colonial possessions.

The advance guard of the squadrons left for Tunis some time ago, while a further eighteen machines have already arrived at Bastia, in Corsica, en route to North Africa.

The remaining 76 machines began to take off yesterday in different groups bound for Indo-China, Damascus and West Africa.

These new manoeuvres by the French air force are an innovation which is likely to become habitual.—Reuter.

## SUNDAY EVENING BAND CONCERT

Seaforths At Peninsula Hotel

The full military band of the 1st Battalion, Seaforth Highlanders, will render another of their popular Sunday evening concerts at the Peninsula Hotel on November 14.

The programme is as follows:

### PART ONE

1. Grand March.  
"Silver Trumpets" ..... Viva.  
As played at St. Peters, Rome at the festival of the Council.

2. Excerpts from—  
"The Arcadians."  
Monckton & Talbo.  
(by request).

Introducing—Opening Chorus act 2. Chorus of Waitress, My Mother, Fickle Fortune, The Pipes of Pan, Sweet Simplicities, Arcady so very Young, I Like London, A Brouge, Duet, Charming Weather, The Joy of Life, Truth is so Beautiful, Finale to act 1. Arcady is ever young.

3. Two Pieces.  
(a) Wedgewood Blue .... Ketelby.  
(b) The Clock and the Dresden Figures. .... Ketelby.

Solo Piano:—Edm. Aitken.  
4. Two Movements from the Fifth Symphony. .... Tchaikowsky.

(a) Andante Cantabile.  
(b) Allegro Moderato, (Valse).

### PART TWO

5. Selection of Scottish Airs from—  
"Songs of the Hebrides"

Introducing—The Birlinn of Glarnaid, An Island Sheiling song, A Hebridean Sea-Reivers' Song, The Cockle Gatherer, An Eriskey Love Lilt, A Fairy's Love Song, The Road to the Isles.

6. Two Xylophone Solos.

(a) Xylophobias ..... Brigham.

(b) Duet Mac and Mac ..... Alford.

Soloists: Edm. W. Aitken and Minor.

7. Incidental Music to "Cavalcade."

Noel Coward.

By Popular Request.

Introducing—Lover of my Dreams, The Soldiers of the Queen, Goodbye, my Bluebell, The Soldiers in the Park, Goodbye Dolly Gray, I do like to be beside the Seaside, Everybody's doing it, Alexander's Rag-time Band, It's a Long way to Tipperary, Pack up your troubles in your old kit-bag, Keep the Home fire burning, Your King and Country, There's a Long long Trail, Dance Little Lady, Twentieth Century Blues.

8. Overture No. 3.

"Leonore" ..... Beethoven.

Beethoven's only Opera (Fidelio), was produced in 1805, for which so less than four Overtures were written. The present Overture has certainly more in common with the Opera than any of the other three, not so much by the allusions to Florestan's Song in the Adagio and Allegro, or the reference to the Trumpet Call from the Quartet; or the following theme which is closely associated with that section of the Opera, but the prevailing spirit of both is the same; hence the strong connection between this Overture and the work it so fittingly precedes.



# PREMIER'S INVITATION

## British Desire For Italo-German Friendship

### UNDERSTANDING BY INFORMATIVE DELIBERATIONS

London, To-day.

Mr. Chamberlain dealt with the international situation in Europe, in the course of his Guildhall speech.

Speaking of Spain, he said that Britain, together with France, had been continuing her endeavours to make non-intervention effective.

Britain would continue to do her utmost to prevent the Spanish conflict from spreading beyond the frontiers of Spain.

As regards Britain's relations with Germany and Italy, the two great Powers now closely associated in what is known as the Berlin-Rome axis, Mr. Chamberlain declared that it was the sincere desire of his Government to see these relations grounded on a solid basis of mutual friendship and understanding, a matter which in his opinion need not be affected by differences in methods of handling internal affairs.

#### INFORMATIVE DELIBERATION

It was his belief that an understanding of this kind, which might have far-reaching effects, could be sought with far more promise of success in informative deliberations than by way of uttering solemn declarations.

He described the position of the League of Nations as having further deteriorated, and contended that it would have to be Britain's aim to strengthen the authority of the League in order to increase its moral and material power.

#### WORLD TRADE

Mr. Chamberlain touched upon the world trade situation, which he said was showing steady improvement. He hoped it would continue to do so.—Trans-Ocean.

### MANCHUKUO BORROWING

Hsinking, To-day.

Treasury Bills to the value of 25,000,000 yen have been issued by the Manchukuo Government, the proceeds to be used for establishment of industry within the framework of the Five-Year Plan.

Total Manchukuo Treasury Bills are now 500,000,000 yen.—Trans-Ocean.

### Antioch Patriarch In Paris

Paris, To-day.

The Patriarch of Antioch, in Syria, arrived in Paris yesterday as the official guest of the French Government.

He was met at the station by the Palan Nuncio and representatives of President Lebrun.

Military honours were rendered by a company of the Garde Republicaine.—Trans-Ocean.

### ARMISTICE DAY IN HONG KONG

Arrangements are now complete for the selling of Poppies on Armistice Day.

Mrs. T. H. King is again in charge of the Hong Kong organisation and Mrs. Ingram is taking charge of the Kowloon side. The University District is being looked after by Mrs. Gerrard.

Last year the amount sent Home to England was £365,171,0, excluding the proportion of the collections given to the Scottish Branch of the British Legion. In spite of many other demands which are being made at this time, the organisers hope that the amount to be sent Home this year will not be less than last year's total.

The amounts collected by the Haig's Fund 1929 are as follows:—

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| 1933 | 511,853  |
| 1934 | 505,628  |
| 1935 | 527,302  |
| 1936 | 542,000  |

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|                                   | £5,352.00 |

Further donations will be gratefully received by Mr. F. G. Mander, Secretary to Earl Haig's Fund.

### BRITAIN'S REVENUE

London, To-day.

Exchequer returns show that total ordinary revenue amounts to £388,385,961 compared with £369,264,726 at the corresponding date last year. Total expenditure, less self-balancing items, is £515,934,795 compared with £473,082,157 at the corresponding date in 1936.—British Wireless.

### NEW COINS RETAINED AS SOUVENIRS

London, To-day.

Some 33,000,000 of the new three-penny pieces have so far been issued by the Mint. The number, however, proved insufficient to ensure free circulation, large numbers appearing to have been retained as souvenirs. Further issues at the rate of 1,250,000 per week are continuing.—British Wireless.

### BLOCKADE OF GULF OF VALENCIA

Paris, To-day.

The French naval authorities have been informed officially by the Spanish Nationalists of measures to blockade the Gulf of Valencia.

Following the international marine code, mines will be laid first five miles from the French coast south of Cape Corbero.

French warships and merchantmen have been informed of the measures.

French warships and merchantmen sailing from Marseilles to Algeria have for some months past been passing east of the Balearics, so that they are practically safe from the danger of mines.—Trans-Ocean.

3RD EDITION

### ALLEGED ATTACK ON LIFE OF VOROSHILOV

Warsaw, To-day.

The Polish press is making merry on another entirely unconfirmed report that an attempt was made during a parade in Moscow on Sunday to assassinate Marshal Voroshilov, Commissar for Defence.

The would-be assassin, say the papers, fired a shot at Marshal Voroshilov, the bullet hitting the latter's saddle.

The assailant, who is stated to have fired from the window of a house along the route of the parade, is alleged to have escaped through a secret passage to an adjacent building, from which he escaped unnoticed.—Trans-Ocean.

### FRESH: FAIR

The Royal Observatory reported this morning that the anti-cyclone has moved eastward, and pressure is now highest over the mouth of the Yangtze.

The northern depression has moved into the Pacific to the east of Japan, and another depression is indicated over the Pacific to the east of the Visayas.

Local forecast:—E. winds, fresh; fair.

Three cases of dysentery and two of diphtheria were reported to the local Health Authorities in the 24 hours ended midnight last night.



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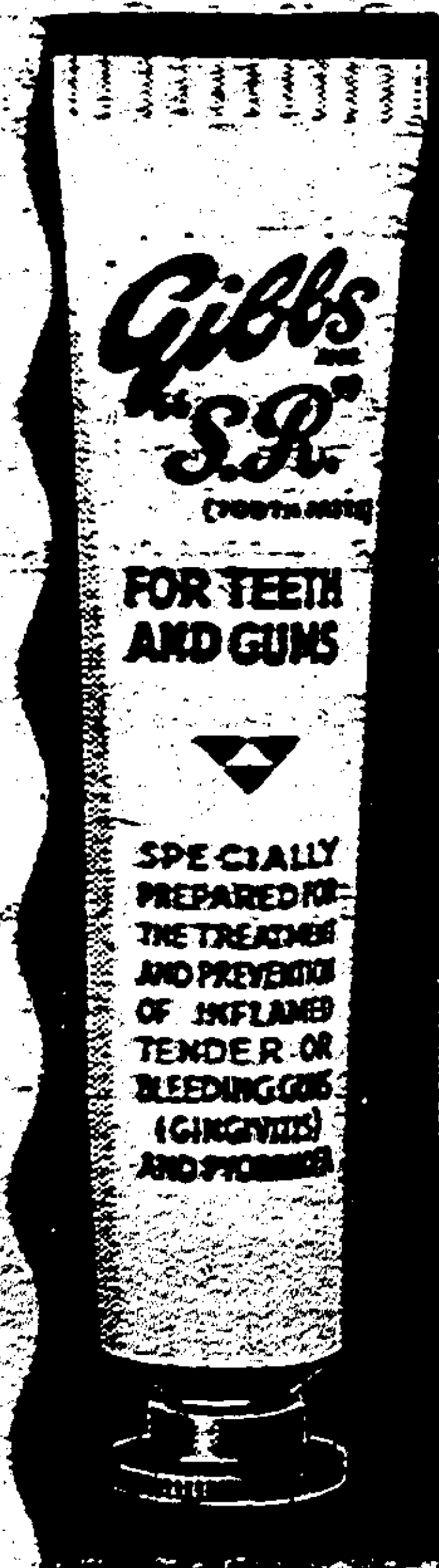
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## NEW MOVE IN JAPAN

A new development in Japan, a new liberty to the press, suggests that if the Japanese Foreign Office could control the situation there is very little doubt that they would put a stop to the present invasion of China. But the civilian cabinet, unfortunately, has very little voice in the conduct of affairs when once War has broken out, much less than in the critical days before War when the Army still has the biggest say on the question of whether warlike or diplomatic measures are the more appropriate to the occasion.

No one can really understand Japan or her actions until he has realised the dyarchic character of her constitution. When a few decades ago she determined to become modern and democratic, she retained one fatal link with her feudal and military past. The soldier caste remained free and independent and was placed in supreme charge of defence. The army and navy are not subject to the popularly elected Parliament or its ministers but have a right through their chiefs to direct intercourse with the Emperor.

In the region of foreign policy, as has been so lamentably and cynically demonstrated, this means that the military leaders in the sacred name of 'defence' decide and act without any regard to what the Foreign Office is doing, often without acquainting that office of its intentions. The plans for military action in 1931, and the earlier steps taken in the execution of those plans, are known to have been made by the army chiefs entirely on their own initiative. The Civilian Cabinet was ignorant of what was being done, though ultimately it was compelled to follow suit in a policy, originally dis-

asterful to last, that meant nearly a breach with the League of Nations and the loss of friendship with Britain and the U.S.A. The present War, one need have no hesitation in saying, has arisen and developed similarly — i.e. by the army and navy taking the bit between its teeth.

The Foreign Office in Japan probably dislikes it intensely, for in the background it knows the dangers which are ignored by the militarist, (a) that you cannot make a people love you by massacre, (b) that even victory if achieved, and that is by no means assured, will leave Japan very much weaker financially and economically.

That world opinion is beginning to have an effect is perhaps evident from the fact that the Foreign Office at Tokyo is now encouraging the Japanese press to publish what is being said abroad, so that the Japanese people may become fully aware of the manner in which her war activities are alienating sympathy.

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## The Marriage Bond

Nobody would suppose that the helpful suggestions toward solution of many social problems, given out from a thousand pulpits in every Sunday, are inspired by less than altruistic motives. When the Rev. A. D. Belden, of Whitefields Tabernacle, secured an excellent Press for his "limited marriage" project, that was merely incidental to his thoughtful endeavour to second the recent efforts of Mr. Herbert, M.P. Mr. Belden is for a longer trial period than Mr. Herbert. "The first five years are the worst," says Mr. Herbert's Divorce Act, in effect, but the clergyman would make it ten. There is another difference between them, in that Mr. Herbert has enabled a dissolution, for certain sufficient causes, after five years of marriage. Mr. Belden would make it a matter of mutual agreement at the end of ten years, when the parties would be at liberty to renew the contract, either with "five year rests" or for life. If the housekeeping allowance were readjusted it would be exactly like a leasehold proposition.

The idea seems to be logical outcome of modern politics. "Self-determination" is the slogan of the hour, and why should not it be applied to free the individual as well as the nation from a yoke grown irksome? That is frankly the argument put forward by the sponsor of the proposal. "Marriage is the imposing of a compulsion which can only be lifted by committing a social crime. God does not impose compulsions," he adds, "so why should we attempt to?" His statement offers a more liberal interpretation of the Commandments than some of us recall from younger days, but let it stand as part of his case which proceeds with the further dictum that under our system it is much too easy to get married and too hard to get unmarried. The economic side of the married state Mr. Belden would make the subject of "citizens' allowances" for father, mother, and children. He does not invoke either Major Douglas or Mr. Abernethy of Alberta, but simply puts the idea forward in a spirit of broad faith.



# ANOTHER DOOMED BATTALION DRAMA

## Chinese Forces In Nantao Prepare For Battle NON-COMBATANTS WARNED TO EVACUATE AREA JAPANESE TROOPS NOW ON ZAHHWEI CREEK

Shanghai, To-day.

While a column of Japanese troops swept around the British and French perimeters of Shanghai, another Japanese force advanced to meet Japanese units proceeding north from Minghong, and a junction is expected to-day.

The Japanese now claim complete occupation of Sungkiang, from which their northward advance is stated to be continuing.

They also claim to have reached the outskirts of Nanhsiang, which they are confident of capturing shortly.

Part of the Chinese forces who withdrew from the western front are now pivoted on Tsipao, ten miles south-south-east of Nanhsiang, whence the Chinese line runs to Liuhu.

The Japanese announce that in view of the danger of land mines and unexploded hand grenades, the area west of the Shanghai-Hangchow Railway, will be closed to the public but will be opened as early as possible.

Interest now centres on the position at Nantao.

A small Japanese force has already reached the west bank of Zagwei Creek, but it remains to be seen whether the Chinese forces to the east of the Creek will really stage another doomed battalion drama.

### INDICATIONS OMINOUS

Present indications are ominous, as the Chinese forces, besides digging trenches and making other warlike preparations, have warned remaining non-combatants to evacuate the area.

Sporadic machine-gun fire was exchanged across the Creek all night.

Although in Chinese territory, the area embracing the famous Siccawei Observatory, the Siccawei Cathedral and the Jesuit Mission outside the French Concession, is not in Japanese hands, as the French troops have extended their perimeter to include it.

### JAPANESE FLAG ON LUNGHWA PAGODA

Less fortunate were the flag on Lungghwa Temple and Pagoda, over which the Japanese flag now flies. Chinese Buddhist priests who had not evacuated this district were allowed to remain unmolested.

Agreement for neutralisation of the refugee zone in Nantao became effective at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon. — Reuter.

### QUIET NIGHT

Shanghai, To-day.

Although warfare is still on its door-step, Shanghai experienced a quiet night.

The Chinese troops spent the hours of darkness busily strengthening their defences for the expected Japanese onslaught to-day.

Meanwhile, Shanghai is again a city of many fires, which ex-

tend from the Nanziang area to the western district outside the Settlement and thence to Nantao.

More than thirty different fires are burning, twenty of which are in Nantao west of Zahwei Creek.

Though the Nantao refugee zone was opened at 5 o'clock yesterday afternoon, owing to the possibility of serious hostilities in other parts of Nantao most Chinese refugees are still preferring the sanctuary of the foreign areas. — Reuter.

## CHEUNG CHAU FIRE DISASTER: NO LOSS OF LIFE

A huge fire, blazing fiercely since three o'clock this morning occurred on Cheung Chan Island to-day.

It was located in the east part of the Island and involved a very large area. Ten houses and fourteen matcheds were totally destroyed.

Fire floats were despatched from Hong Kong to help in extinguishing the blaze, but the outbreak was not brought under control until after six a.m. The Police Officer in charge of Cheung Chan Sub-Inspector Delahanty, Mr. R. Marks, A.S.P., and Mr. FitzHenry and Mr. Brookes, of the Fire Brigade were on the scene.

No lives were lost in the Cheung Chan fire disaster.

The fire alarm was apparently raised in time for occupiers of the buildings to vacate safely.

The fire was confined to the Chinese section of the Island.

It is estimated that over 100 Chinese have been rendered homeless, and that the damage will amount to thousands of dollars.

## NEW DANGER IN NANTAO DEFENCE

Shanghai, To-day.

The Japanese success in the Shanghai area has created much uneasiness among prominent Chinese, many of whom have booked passages for Hong Kong.

An emergency meeting of foreign Consuls is being called to-day to discuss measures to cope with the new crisis rising from the Chinese decision to defend Nantao.

The Chinese step has confronted Shanghai with a new danger. — Reuter.

## SCORES HURT IN PANIC RUSH TO SETTLEMENT

Shanghai, To-day.

Several hundred panic-stricken Chinese are reported to have been injured in the mad rush yesterday to evacuate Nantao and Pootung for the safety of the foreign areas in Shanghai.

The exodus was on a scale never before experienced in Shanghai, and

## JAPANESE AND FUTURE OF SHANGHAI

Shanghai, To-day.

"The sudden change in the military situation around Shanghai will not prompt the Shanghai Municipal Council to change their original aim of making the International Settlement a place of refuge for Chinese and foreign residents."

So declared a high Council official to the "China Press."

The official added that Chinese newspapers and public organisations would continue to have their customary status as long as their activities were compatible with law and order.

The official emphatically denied a Japanese report that "in view of increased Japanese influence in the sectors north of Soochow Creek, the Council is contemplating an increase in the number of Japanese officials on the Council."

The official said that no such increase had ever been discussed since the outbreak of hostilities. — Reuter.

presents a serious problem of feeding to the foreign authorities.

About 1,000 Chinese soldiers, carrying a number of wounded with them, were disarmed when they entered the French Concession.

A Trans-Ocean correspondent who visited the evacuated area found the Chinese troops still well-disciplined and cheery. — Trans-Ocean.

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# ANGLO-AMERICAN UNITY

## Neville Chamberlain On Far East Situation

London, To-day.

The Far East figured in the speech delivered at the Lord Mayor's Banquet at the Guildhall last night by the Prime Minister, Mr. Neville Chamberlain.

Mr. Chamberlain stated that the Government believed that the most hopeful means of achieving cessation of fighting, in order to allow a settlement on a proper basis, lay in the Brussels Conference.

An essential factor for the success of any endeavour to bring about a settlement was the co-operation of the United States, of which the Conference had been assured by Mr. Norman Davis.

Prolongation of this unhappy conflict, which also was nearest to Britain's heart.—Reuter.

### CONCERTED EFFORT

Mr. Chamberlain added that the Government regarded the readiness of the United States Government to co-operate at the Brussels Conference as the first and most valuable step towards fulfilment of the desire expressed by President Roosevelt in his Chicago speech for a concerted effort by peace-loving nations for the sanctity of treaties and settlement of differences by peaceful means.

### ANGLO-U.S. UNITY

They were convinced that closer understanding and a more complete community of purpose between Britain and the United States, might do much to assist the cause for which President Roosevelt had pleaded and

## POPULATION OF 6,274,000 IN TOKYO. OSAKA, 3,210,000

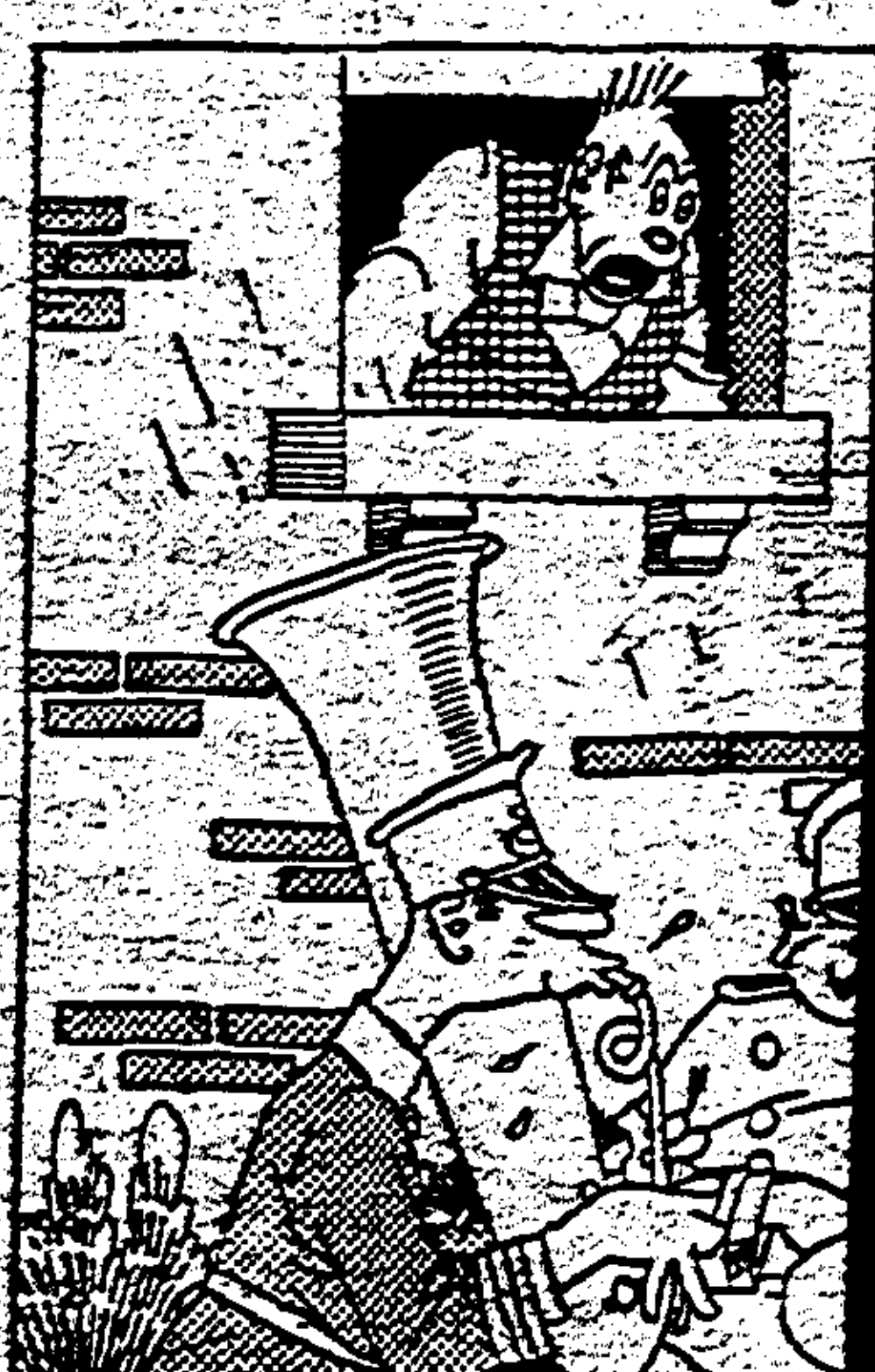
Tokyo, To-day.

The population of Japan has increased by nearly a million in the past year.

According to the Government statistical office, Japan had 71,252,890 inhabitants on October 1, or 994,600 more than on the same day last year.

Men outnumber women by 166,000. Tokyo, Japan's largest city, now has a population of 6,274,000, and is followed by Osaka, with 3,210,000.—Trans-Ocean.

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English alabaster, Jacob Epstein's latest work is the recumbent figure of Christ, and shows His hands and His feet. Photo shows—"Consummation Est" (It is finished) at the Lei-London. (Fox Copyright: By Air Mail).

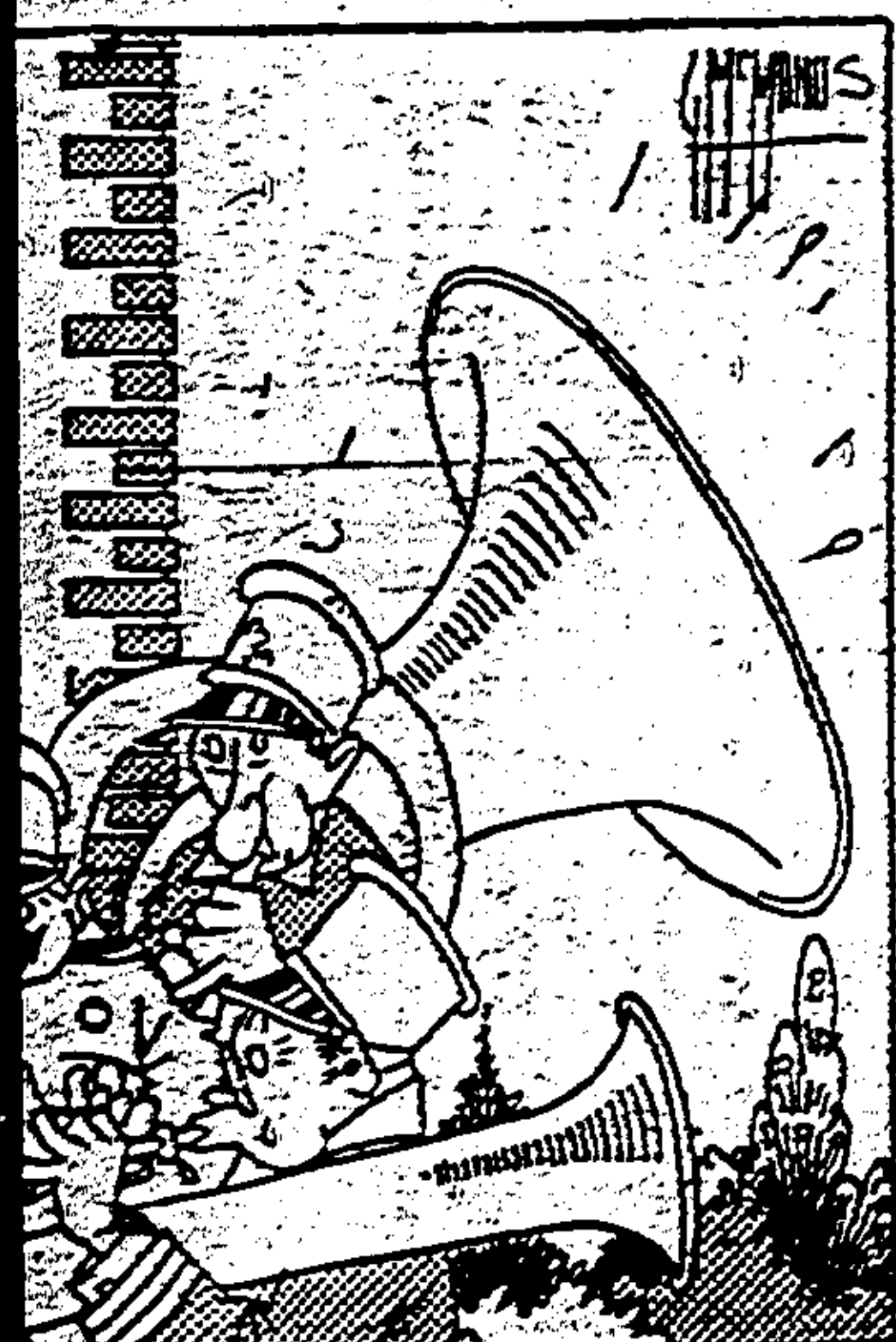
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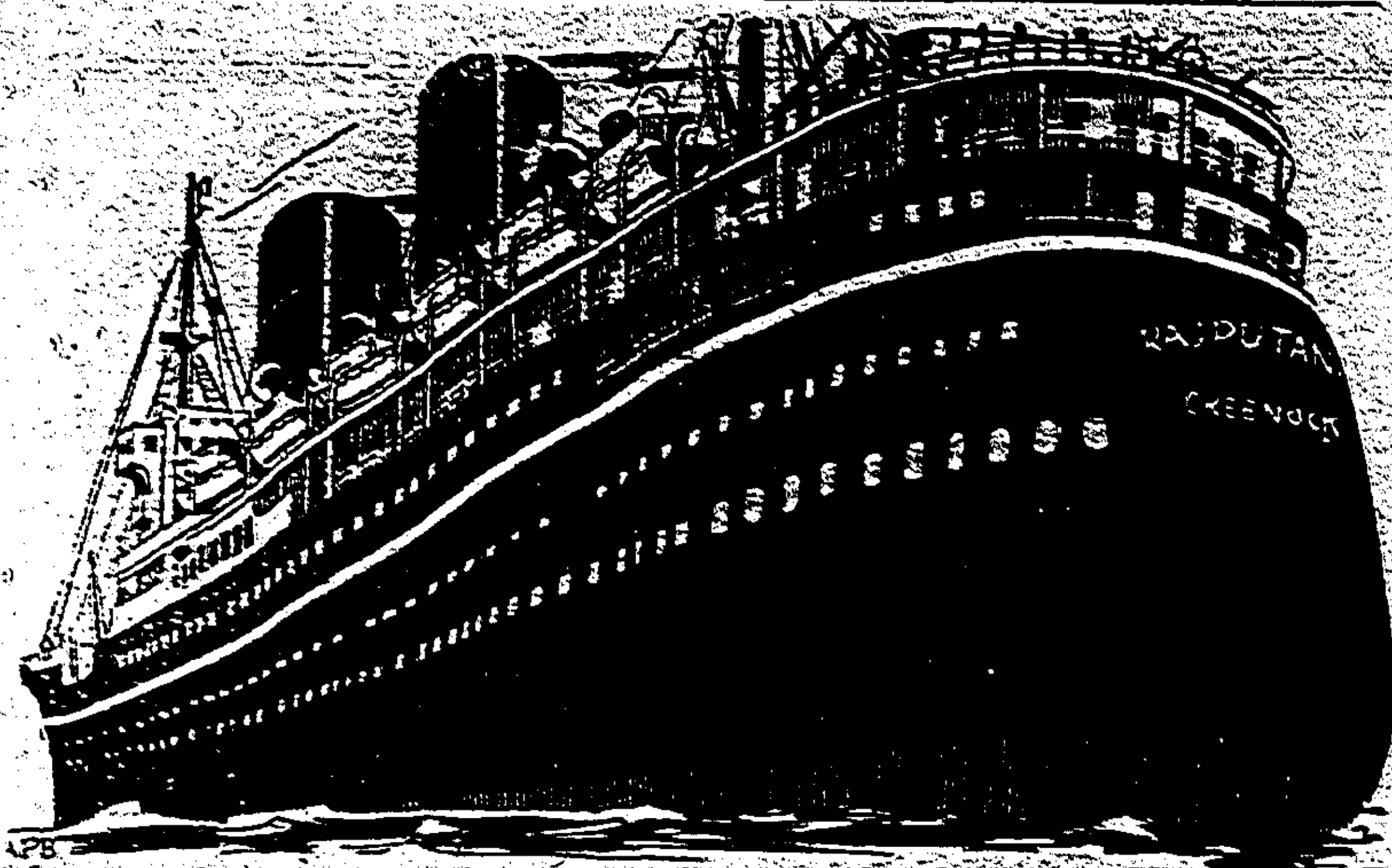
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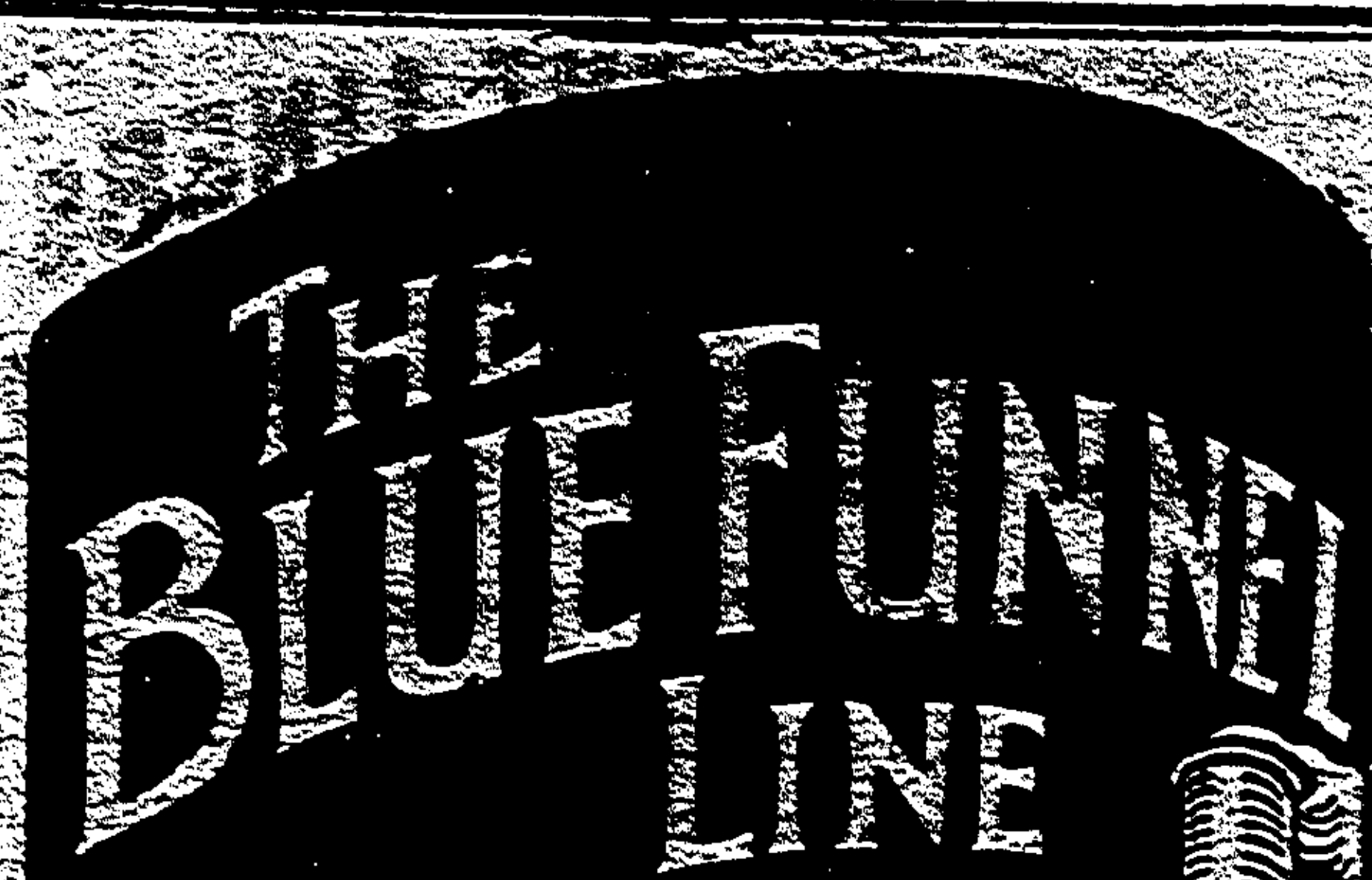
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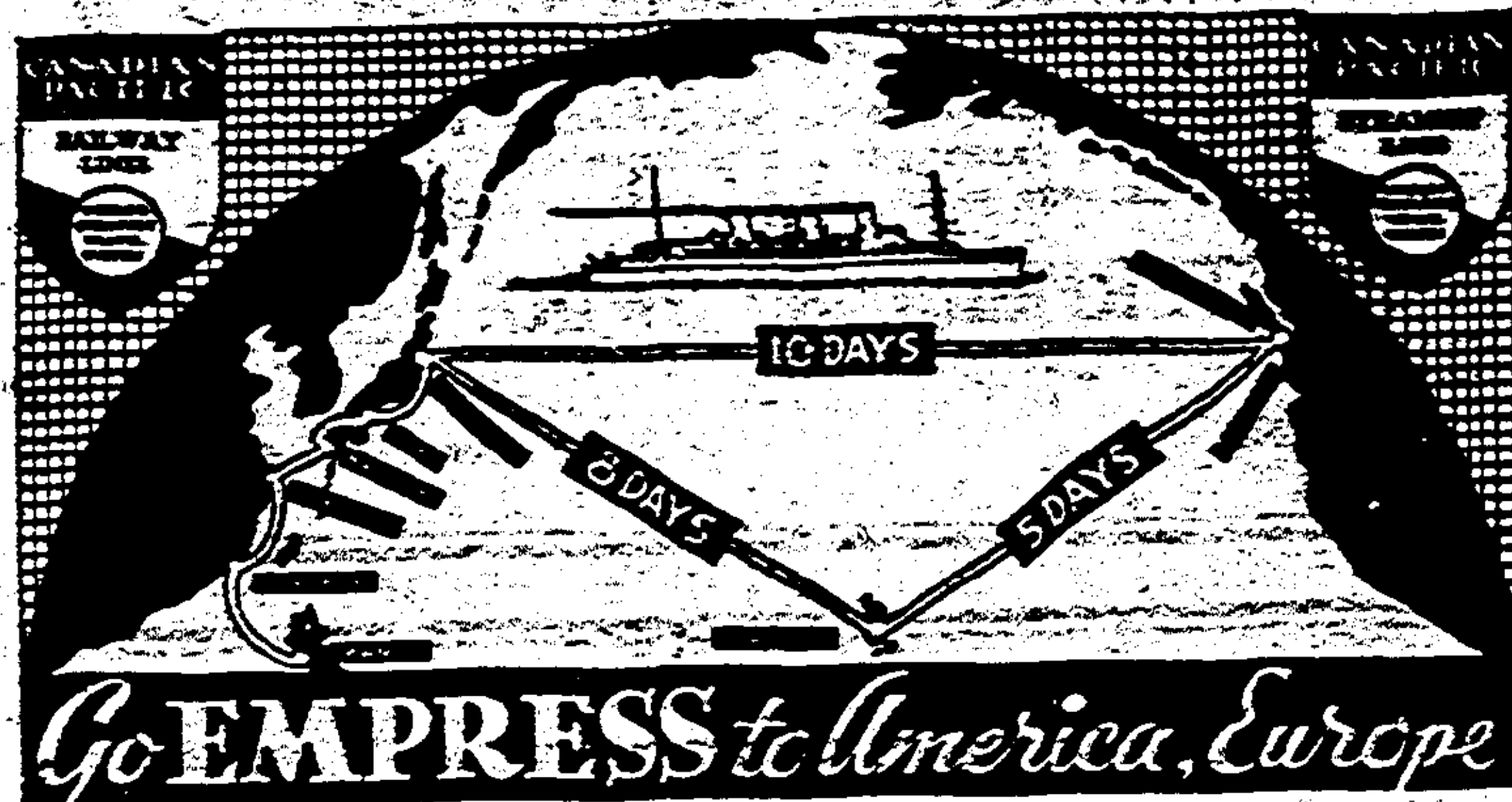
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11th November, 1937

Persons arriving by car to attend the Ceremony at the Cenotaph are requested to proceed via Des Voeux Road Central to Statue Square where they will alight and walk to the Cenotaph.

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T. H. KING,

Inspector General of Police.

Hong Kong, 10th Nov., 1937.

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Hong Kong, 8th November, 1937.

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The NOVEMBER HALF-YEARLY GENERAL MEETING of VOTING MEMBERS will be held at the Club House, Happy Valley, on MONDAY, 29th November, 1937, at 8.30 p.m.

ALL MEMBERS are cordially invited to attend and participate in any discussion which may ensue.

By Order of the Stewards,

C. B. BROWN,

Secretary.

Hong Kong, 10th Nov., 1937.

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### I.R.C.'S BATTING IMPROVEMENT

(By "ADREM")

"A LAST choice nearly always comes off," remarked a K.C.C. official, evidently feeling that some explanation was necessary for G. F. O'Brien, who it was, without doubt, saved that club from ignominious defeat in their first League fixture of the season against Craigengower last Saturday.

What I find particularly surprising, is the fact that no one seemed to have heard of O'Brien as a cricketer. Even the method of his selection is peculiar. It appears that he has not played in a match for some eighteen months, chiefly because he has not been near enough to cricket to allow him doing so.

BEING IN THE CUSTOMS, HE HAS BEEN STATIONED UP-COUNTRY. ARRIVING IN THE COLONY A SHORT WHILE AGO, HE JOINED THE K.C.C. AND, I UNDERSTAND, WAS A REGULAR FREQUENTER OF THE NETS, WITHOUT, HOWEVER, IMPRESSING ANYONE UNDULY. IN DUE COURSE, HE RAN INTO ARTHUR DAND, SKIPPER OF THE SECOND ELEVEN. WHOM HE ASKED FOR A GAME.

It happened that K.C.C. were short of two men last Saturday, one for the first eleven and one for the second, and so O'Brien played, with what result, we all now know.

I would not describe him as a bat of the type of Donald Anderson or Alec Pearce, for instance, but he has an excellent reach, is sound in defence and hits very hard in front of the wicket. I was not very impressed with his off shots. He does not appear to be adequately equipped with a cut, either late or square.

#### BRILLIANT FIELDER

As a fielder he shone like a good deed in a naughty world. In other words he was the only member of the K.C.C. side who could hold catches in that fatal half hour in bad light when prospect of a Craigengower defeat was more than likely. His catches in the slips were described as really first-class, while a return catch, which he held off his own bowling, was going like a cannon-ball.

K.C.C. must consider themselves extremely fortunate to have "found" such a man, who will do a great deal to stiffen up a batting side which relies far too much on about three of the side.

#### THE GAME

The game itself was very interesting. Fortunes were continually fluctuating. At one time, when K.C.C. had lost Anderson, E. C.

Fincher and E. F. Fincher with only 25 runs on the board, it looked any odds on a Valley win. Of course no one had reckoned on O'Brien. Freddy Zimmerman, who can make two runs prettier than anyone in the Colony, defended stoutly for 10 and Tommy Malar and Robbie Lee both looked quite comfortable but, until O'Brien became associated with Lloyd, K.C.C. supporters had little or nothing to enthuse over.

Much has been said of O'Brien—I myself have devoted nearly half a column to him—but Lloyd's effort was every bit as valuable. I have not seen this player bat before but I am told that he never impresses in the early stages of his innings when he is inclined to nibble at 'em.

#### LLOYD'S SHARE

There was little piscatorial on this occasion. He treated all the bowling strictly on its merits, that is, the bad stuff was treated in this manner. Other balls, which any bowler might justifiably have considered good length, received little better treatment. Beautifully timed drives through the covers, lofted hooked drives in the direction of mid-wicket and full-blooded pulls, went to the boundary with from the Craigengower point of view, sickening regularity.

When Goodwin declared shortly before four, far from being in danger of defeat the only question that remained was whether Crai-

### SECOND LEAGUE REVIEW FRIDAY

Owing to pressure of space, "Adrem's" commentary on Second Division League matches and friendlies played over last weekend, will be held over until Friday's issues, when they will be published with revised statistics on the Second League.

gengower could hold on or not. Dropped catches, despite fine bowling by Robbie Lee, his first decent performance of the year, decided the issue and Craigengower live to fight another day.

#### SHOULD FEEL SATISFIED

Civil Service, although beaten by the Cricket Club, made the latter go all the way, and they can feel very satisfied, in that they held the joint-champions to a four-wicket margin. Richardson and Griffiths were actually the only batsmen who came off and the side were out for 118, but H.K.C.C. lost six wickets before this total could be passed and had not Alec Pearce made a typical 53 there may conceivably have been a different tale to tell.

There were definite indications earlier in the season of a decided improvement in I.R.C.'s batting. Their display last Saturday confirms it. Navy's bowling is probably not the best in the Colony but it is pretty useful. Cotman, Carllass Boucher and Whitmarsh are not men to be trifled with but nevertheless there is a solidarity in the Indians' score that must be very gratifying to supporters of the Club. A. H. Madar—batting at the top of his form—headed the list with 51, while A. R. Abbas, A. R. Minn and M. el Arculli all made useful contributions.

#### LOWER-DECK BAT

Apart from 53 by Lt. Blacker, who is not known to me, 22 by Whitmarsh and 18 by A. B. Smith, one of the finest lower-deck bats to have come out this way for a long time. Navy could not cope with Minn and Abbas and were dismissed for 137. I am told that the light in the latter stages of this innings was appalling and contributed in no small measure to the I.R.C. bowlers' successful dismissal of the last three batsmen for no runs.

Recreio, I am pleased to say, bore out all my optimistic remarks about them. They took heavy toll of the Army's attack and but for the old tale of dropped catches in failing light, would have won their first match in the Senior League.

#### E. L. GOSANO'S FAILURES

E. L. Gosano must be suffering a great deal from lack of practice and hard work, for he failed again. Rodrigues, Reed, P. M. N. da Silva and Prata all came off, however, and a declaration was made at 20 for 7. Leaving their opponents the same time in which to bat, they had

### "B" DIVISION BADMINTON

Recreio's Team  
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### FREE LANCES NEW COURT

Three matches in the "B" Division of the Men's Doubles Badminton League, which was officially opened on Monday, will be played off this evening.

St. John's encounter St. Andrew's on the former team's court at St. John's Cathedral Hall, and Club de Recreio entertain Kowloon Tong at King's Park.

The Free Lances will, however, be using the badminton court at the Seamen's Institute, in Gloucester Road, facilities having been granted them for the whole of this season. They entertain the Chinese Recreation Club.

With the exception of E. A. R. Alves, members of Recreio's team turned out for the Victoria Recreation Club last season.

H. Harris, formerly of the Sailors' and Soldiers' Home, will be seen in action for the Free Lances, with whom he has thrown in his lot this year owing to his former club not competing in the League.

St. John's are introducing a new-comer to the league in S. Newman, who will also be turning out for the Tai Kok Club in the Mixed Doubles League.

#### THE PROGRAMME

St. John's v St. Andrew's  
Recreio v Kowloon Tong  
Free Lances v Chinese R.C.

#### THE PLAYERS

St. Andrew's  
Messrs. L. E. Kirby and J. P. Dawson, T. F. Stokes and M. Weill, and S. A. Broadbridge and E. E. Darby.

Free Lances  
Messrs. A. L. Fisher and S. W. Clark, J. L. Anderson and J. Boward, and H. Harris and Hilton.

Chinese R.C.  
Messrs. T. F. Choy and T. F. Lo, C. Y. Yung and Eric Lee, and Wong Pak-chung and P. Chin.

Kowloon Tong  
Messrs. N. A. E. Mackay and A. Chan, R. E. Lee and A. W. da Roza, and F. S. Koh and Peter Lo.

St. John's  
Messrs. A. J. Bennett and S. Newman, A. Keown and Norman Smith, and E. Wilson and E. Maynard.

Club de Recreio  
Messrs. C. N. da Silva and H. A. Noronha, M. M. de V. Soares and E. A. R. Alves, and A. J. Basto and C. C. Pereira.

them struggling against accurate bowling and keen fielding and at stumps they had only scored 116 with only three wickets intact.

Weeden and Beadnill, both of the Middlesex Regiment, again came off and Sgt. Partridge made 22, but the next highest scorer was Mr. Extras with 21—evidently Beltrao has still a bit to learn about wicket-keeping.

The "star" men in the Portuguese team's attack failed and actually Soares, who went on late, was the only bowler to meet with any success, capturing 2 for 7 in four overs.

The hockey game between the Central British School and St. Andrew's Club at King's Park yesterday resulted in a win for the School by the only goal scored by Sals in the second half.



# WILL FARR FIGHT IN ENGLAND?

## LACK OF SUITABLE OPPONENTS

BOXING BOARD'S ATTITUDE OF ONE-SIDED MATCHES

## CHALLENGE FROM LEN HARVEY?

(By HAROLD LEWIS)

London, October 11.

Predominance in professional boxing may not be of the national publicity value it is supposed to be; but until Farr went to New York and stood up 15 rounds with Louis—a feat not expected of any American heavy-weight—we had been in a contemptuous position in the ranking list of heavy-weight producing nations.

The point now arises as to Farr's future, and more particularly, whether we shall see him fight in this country. I spoke to Mr. Sydney Hulls, the Harringay promoter, on the matter during the week-end. He believes that if Farr fights here at all he (Mr. Hulls) will have prior claim through the contract signed by Farr regarding the proposed Schmeling fight which fell through. But Mr. Hulls does not propose to ask Farr to box at Harringay.

Farr, before leaving New York, was said to have signed a five years' contract with Mike Jacobs, the American promoter, and that is a complication fearful to contemplate, as was discovered when Jacobs was offering to bring Louis to London. In other words, Mike Jacobs would probably take everything except the peanut profits.

"In any event," said Mr. Hulls, "whom do you suggest as an opponent? Granted, Farr would fill any hall. He would have to be handsomely paid. The trouble is that to find an opponent good enough, there would have to be two big purses.

"Still, ridiculous purses are being paid nowadays, and perhaps someone else will try to put Farr on a bill."

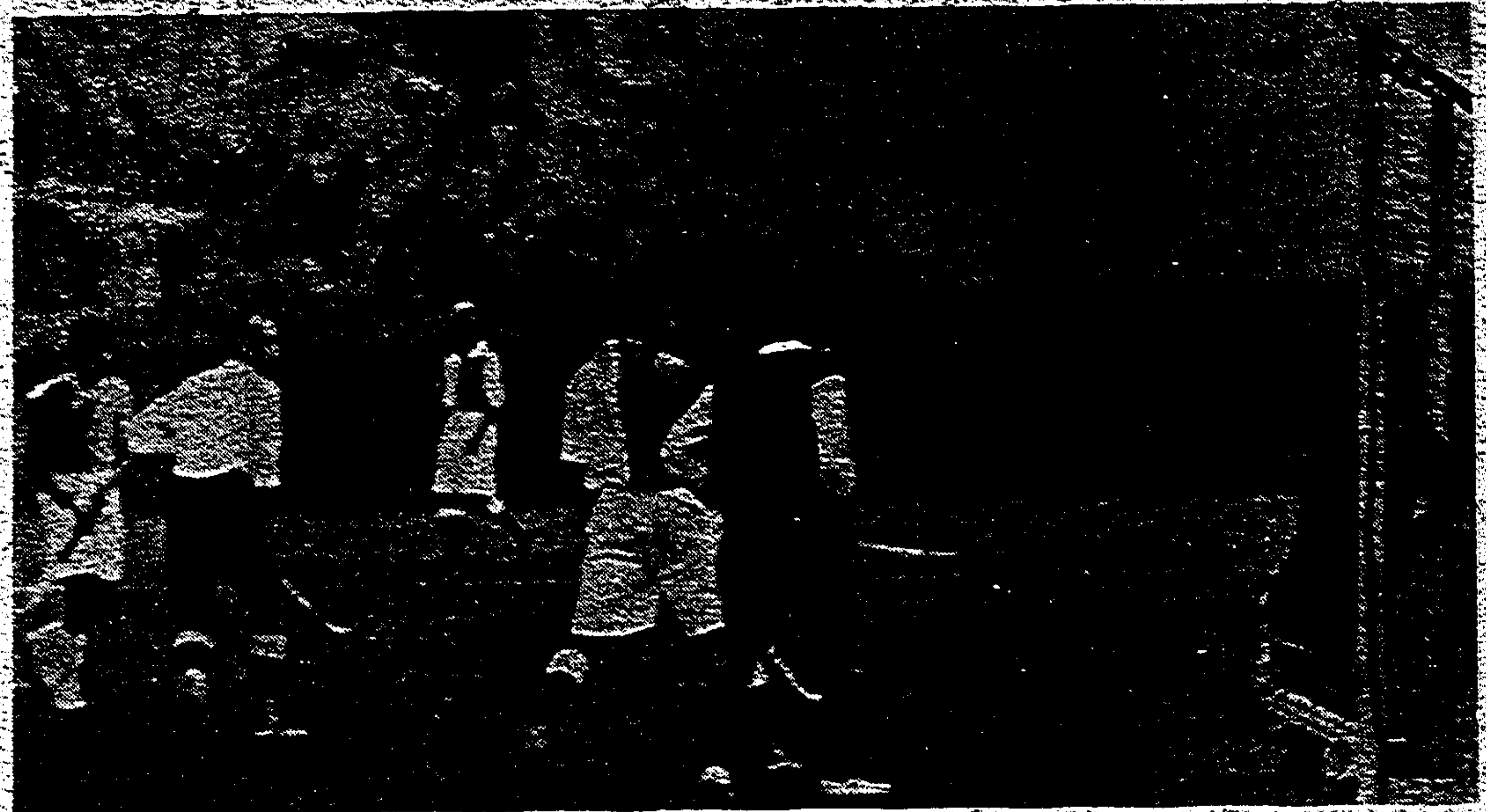
### ONE-SIDED MATCHES

From other quarters I learn that this is true. Inquiries are being made as to terms. Farr has said he would accept a fight next month for a suitable purse, and it would be easily possible to pay him for a big indoor show, more than he received for fighting Louis. But the British Boxing Board of Control have a habit of stepping on one-sided matches rather heavily, especially where British champions are concerned.

Challenges will be flung out from Len Harvey, Larry Gains and others. Well, we shall see.

Duncan of Queen's Park is a very popular fellow. Judging by the many changes in the Amateurs' team since the start of the season, a place simply must be found for this clever player, whether on right or left, or at inside forward. Duncan at one time was on the Hearts' list.

D. G. Butcher, former professional squash rackets champion, has taken up fencing.



A scene from last Sunday's Inter-Section (Civilian) hockey final between the Kowloon Indians Tennis Club and the Police which resulted in a win for the former by the odd goal in three after extra time. C. Pintos, extreme left, is seen scoring the winning goal in the first of the extra periods. (Staff Photographer).

## ENJOYABLE CRICKET AT K.C.C.

### Moreton Does Well

Col. G. C. Gowlland and Officers of the Royal Engineers were at home to the Warrant Officers and Sergeants' Mess at the Kowloon Cricket Club yesterday when a cricket match was played, resulting in a win for the W.O.'s and Sergeants by 63 runs.

| SERGEANTS' MESS                    |     |  |  |  |
|------------------------------------|-----|--|--|--|
| Q. M. S. Moreton, b Barron         | 12  |  |  |  |
| Sgt. Daniels, c Reed, b Singer     | 19  |  |  |  |
| S/Sgt. Goodyer, lb.w., b Barron    | 0   |  |  |  |
| C.Q.M.S. Eaton, lb.w., b Singer    | 1   |  |  |  |
| S. M. Leppard, c and b Parsons     | 18  |  |  |  |
| R. S. M. Fleming, lb.w., b Parsons | 22  |  |  |  |
| Q. M. S. Warr, c Parsons, b Barron | 3   |  |  |  |
| Sgt. Carpenter, b Barron           | 4   |  |  |  |
| Sgt. Dawson, b Barron              | 10  |  |  |  |
| L/Sgt. Burton, not out             | 7   |  |  |  |
| L/Sgt. Brown, c Hawkins, b Parsons | 5   |  |  |  |
| Extras                             | 19  |  |  |  |
| Total                              | 120 |  |  |  |

| BOWLING ANALYSIS |    |    |    |    |
|------------------|----|----|----|----|
|                  | O. | M. | R. | W. |
| Barron           | 11 | 1  | 40 | 5  |
| Higgs            | 4  | 0  | 21 | 0  |
| Singer           | 4  | 0  | 9  | 2  |
| Parsons          | 3  | 0  | 41 | 3  |
| Eley             | 3  | 0  | 9  | 0  |

| OFFICERS                               |    |  |  |  |
|----------------------------------------|----|--|--|--|
| Capt. Singer, c Goodyer, b Moreton     | 2  |  |  |  |
| Capt. Parsons, c Brown, b Moreton      | 10 |  |  |  |
| Lieut. Higgs, b Moreton                | 5  |  |  |  |
| Major Johnstone, b Moreton             | 0  |  |  |  |
| Lieut. Barron, c Eaton, b Goodyer      | 0  |  |  |  |
| Lieut. Little, b Moreton               | 0  |  |  |  |
| Lt. Col. Reid, c Warr, b Carpenter     | 2  |  |  |  |
| Capt. Eley, b Eaton                    | 9  |  |  |  |
| Lieut. Douglas, b Fleming              | 27 |  |  |  |
| Lieut. Hawkins, c Daniels, b Carpenter | 9  |  |  |  |
| Lieut. Winkfield, not out              | 10 |  |  |  |
| Extras                                 | 1  |  |  |  |
| Total                                  | 57 |  |  |  |

| BOWLING ANALYSIS |     |    |    |    |
|------------------|-----|----|----|----|
|                  | O.  | M. | R. | W. |
| Moreton          | 4   | 1  | 10 | 5  |
| Goodyer          | 4   | 2  | 7  | 1  |
| Eaton            | 3   | 2  | 1  | 1  |
| Carpenter        | 4   | 0  | 20 | 2  |
| Brown            | 2   | 0  | 10 | 0  |
| Leppard          | 1   | 0  | 9  | 0  |
| Fleming          | 0.5 | 0  | 0  | 1  |

## HOLIDAY CRICKET

The Kowloon Cricket Club first eleven have arranged a two-day fixture with the Hong Kong Cricket Club for Armistice Day and Saturday. Play will commence on Armistice Day at 11.15 a.m. and on Saturday at 2 p.m. The match will be played on the Hong Kong ground.

The K.C.C. second eleven will meet the H.K.C.C. second on the Kowloon ground on Armistice Day commencing at 11.30 a.m. On Saturday they will meet the Central British School also on the home ground starting at 2 p.m.

The teams are as follow:  
K.C.C. 1st XI—T. Goodwin (Capt.), G. C. Burnett, E. C. Fincher, E. F.

## KOWLOON GOLF CLUB

### October Competitions

The following qualified for the Captain's Cup during October:—

C. G. Anderson (12) 70, F. C. Barry (10) 71, A. A. Lopes (9) 75, E. Christensen (12) 80, B. Basto (18) 68, E. C. Fincher (14) 72.

The Cogan Cup played for on 31st October was won by A. A. Lopes with a net score of 72. E. C. and E. F. Fincher also returned the same net score, Lopes winning by virtue of the best net score over the second nine holes.

The Dewar Trophy, qualifying round on October 24 resulted in the following four lowest net scores:—F. A. Hill (18) 65, W. C. Simpson (13) 67, L. Jack (17) 71, F. C. Barry (10) 71. The match play-off on handicap saw Hill winning from Simpson 4/2 and Barry from Jack 7/5. Barry won the final against Hill by 3/2.

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# MR. J. RAMSAY MACDONALD DIES AT SEA ON HEALTH TRIP

## Sudden End Of Famous Ex-Labour Statesman

### REMARKABLE CAREER OF LOSSIEMOUTH YOUTH

London, To-day.

Late last night, while at sea on a voyage to South America for the benefit of his failing health, the death occurred of the Rt. Hon. Mr. J. Ramsay MacDonald, first Labour Prime Minister of England, Prime Minister of the first National Government, of whom Earl Baldwin said, only a few days ago, "public memory is short, in politics particularly, and I never feel that Mr. Ramsay MacDonald has had the credit given him by the country for the services he rendered to it in 1931 and the succeeding years. He worked himself out."

HIS ELDEST DAUGHTER, MISS ISABEL MACDONALD, WAS WITH HIM AT THE END.

Mr. Ramsay MacDonald was young Ramsay came penniless to born in 1866, in the tiny village of Lossiemouth in the north of Scotland.

The first Labour Premier of England, he was brought up in a two-roomed cottage by his mother and grandmother who, scarcely able to command the bare necessities of life, in their austere way were yet able to direct the first steps of the ambitious boy on the path which eventually led him to the highest political honour.

#### CALVINIST HUMOUR

Mr. A. G. Gardiner has suggested that the clue to Mr. MacDonald's character may be found in a picture of his lusty forbears rushing down a Highland glen, with broadswords out, and yells of battle, to rout a stricken foe. But the conceit may be doubted, for Highlander as he was, no doubt, by descent, it was the metaphysical and introspective side of the Scot that Mr. MacDonald inherited. According to Mr. A. P. Nicholson, where "others wield the claymore he will prefer to chop logic." He was not a man of quick perceptions and with him the tangled threads of an argument sometimes led to confusion of thought and a consequent variability of action. He had the traditional Calvinist's lack of humour, and he was a man of slow decisions.

#### STRUGGLES IN LONDON

A poor Scottish lad of brains,

London. The story of his early struggles is well known. For more than a year he existed on the niggardly sum of fifteen shillings a week, buying his food in the street markets in the neighbourhood of King's Cross and the Angel at Islington, and ever contriving, as he himself has told us, to contribute his mite towards the upkeep of the cottage home in distant Lossiemouth. At the same time, by burning the candle at both ends, he painfully acquired a real culture.

Of those days, Mr. MacDonald has written, "My first close acquaintance with the London working man was in the dining-room of 'Pearce and Plenty' in Aldersgate Street. There also I met the first Tory working man. We gave him quite a hot time of it, and at last capitulated. Gradually began to be mixed up in the Labour movement, and formally severed my connection with the Liberal Party."

#### LARGE PROMISES

Yet the human appeal seemed, at that time, to carry little weight with Mr. MacDonald. He dealt with potentialities of vast and far-reaching schemes and appeared to regard with comparative indifference the more immediate problems of wages and hours upon which the Trades Union leaders concentrated. After the manner of Harold



The Rt. Hon. Mr. J. Ramsay MacDonald, whose sudden death last evening has come as a great shock, photographed with his son, Mr. Malcolm MacDonald, the Dominions Secretary.

Skimpole in "Bleak House" he seemed to prefer large promises to modest performances.

Mr. MacDonald, indeed, was afflicted with a dual personality which did him some harm with his own Party. One half of him was Liberal and the other half Socialist. He had a firm friend in the late John Morley, and while there were many divergencies of opinion, the common denominator between them was closely apparent at the outbreak of the Great War. John Morley resigned his Cabinet office, and Ramsay MacDonald resigned the chairmanship of his party, vehemently denouncing the Government for having blundered into the war.

#### A MISCALCULATION

It is probable that Mr. MacDonald's resignation of the chairmanship was due to a miscalculation on his part of the Pacifist strength in the country. "By strategic mentality, he sought, too late, to correct the error, and to the amazement of his comrades in the Independent Labour Party, who believed that he was one with them in regarding all fighting as iniquitous, he wrote a letter to the Mayor of Leicester in support of recruiting. It was the young men's task, he argued, to retrieve the error of their elders."

Defeated at Leicester in 1918, it was four years before he could again find a seat. But the Parliament of November, 1922, contained a Labour Party in which the Clyde men were dominant. Dissatisfied with the chairmanship of Mr. Clynes, and conceiving a picture of Mr. Ramsay MacDonald as a firm, strong man, they carried the day and he was once more elected leader.

#### FIRST PREMIERSHIP

The reinforced Party now became the official Opposition, and in 1923, by a swift turn of Fortune's wheel, the Government were out, and, for the first time in the history of English politics, Labour was in office with Mr. MacDonald as Prime Minister. But it was office without power and his leadership was not based on loyalty. His brief Premiership bridled with trials and misunderstandings. On the social side he was attacked by the disgruntled left wing because he wisely upheld the ceremonial traditions of office and wore the flogging dress at every ceremonial. When the kindly Mr. Alexander Grant discovered him late one night

strap-hanging in the Tube on his way home to Hampstead, and insisted that for the sake of his health the Premier should accept a motor car with an adequate sum for its attendant expenses, there was an outburst of wrath in the other political camps and cries of scandal when the donor received a baronetcy—an honour merited in any case by his gift of the National Library to Scotland.

#### ZINOVIEFF LETTER

The tramway and transport dispute provided one of the more serious political contretemps with his own Party, but fortunately the strike was settled without an open quarrel. He denied a loan to Russia in June, but adopted the policy in August, and in the final cataclysm, the Campbell prosecution and the Zinovieff letter, Mr. MacDonald's attitude was again marked by contradictory words and actions.

He has been accused of a desire to modify Labour's principles because he lacked the necessary strength to impose them on the country and had no wish to appear as an ineffectual leader, but it may well be that time and circumstances directed the progress of Mr. MacDonald's opinions to a different conclusion from that which he originally held.

#### MILD POLICY

At any rate, when, at the conclusion of Mr. Baldwin's Government in 1929, Labour, for the second time took office with Mr. Ramsay MacDonald as Prime Minister, he inaugurated a mildly progressive policy without reference to the extreme principles laid down by his left wing, and with an obviously sincere desire to maintain peace within his own ranks and to adjust his programme so far as he consistently could with the wider desires of Parliament as a whole. "We are losing no time in grappling with the duties which have been imposed upon us. We have to work for peace in industry, in home affairs, and for peace abroad," was his broadcast utterance on the day that he and his colleagues received the seals of office from the hands of the sick King at Windsor.

#### STRONGER POSITION

Mr. MacDonald was in a stronger position from a Parliamentary point of view at the head of his second Ministry in 1929 than he was when he first took office in 1924. In 1924 he had disclaimed the theory that

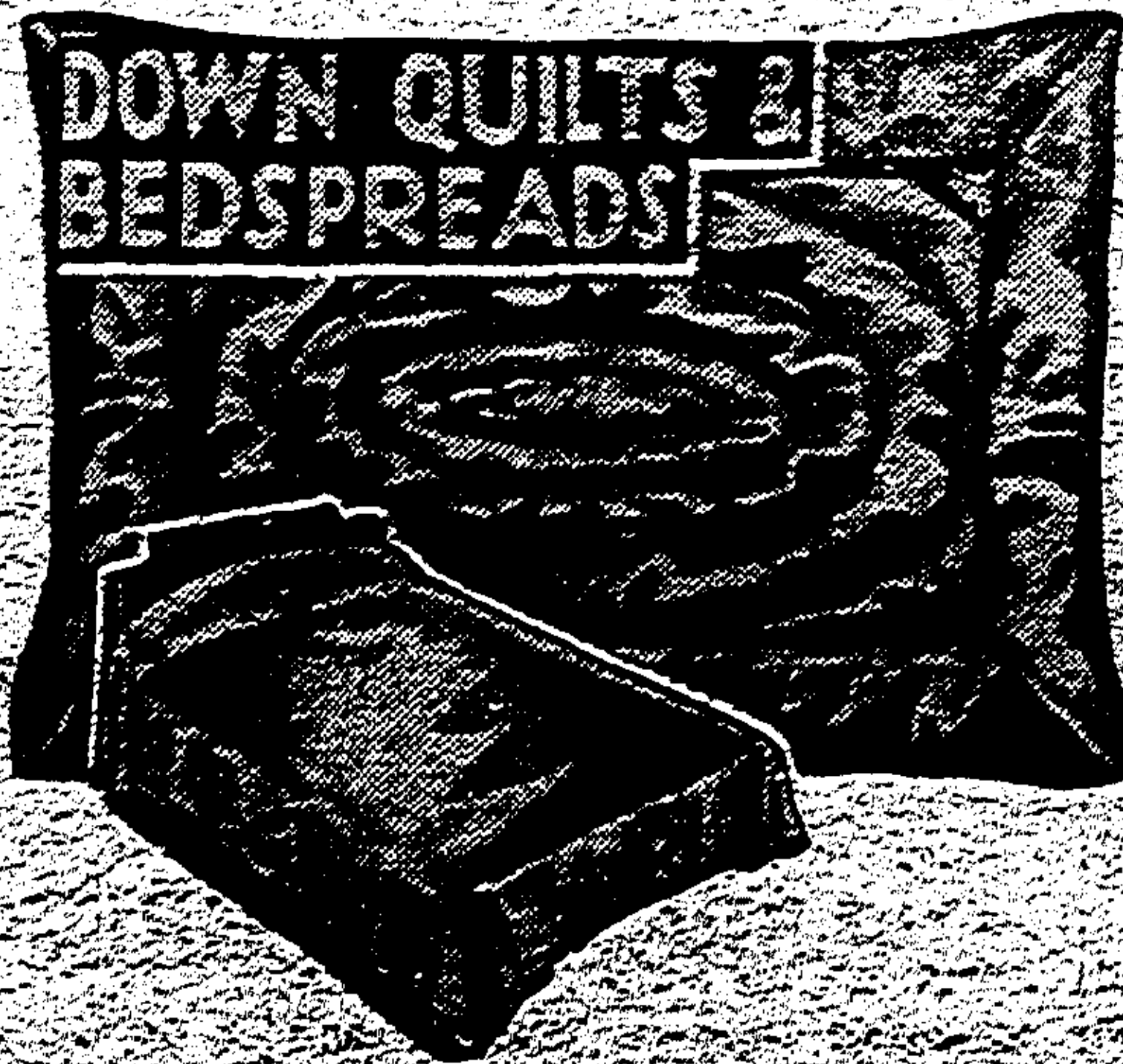
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## DEATH OF RAMSAY MACDONALD

(Continued from Page 20)

he was in office but not in power. "Office carries with it power," he had told an I. L. P. Conference in 1924. But the Labour Party was in 1924 the second strongest party in the House, whereas, in 1929, they were the most powerful party although not possessing a complete majority.

Mr. MacDonald's Ministry, however, soon found itself in difficulties with the rapid increase in unemployment and the growing gravity of the financial situation. On July 31st 1931, the country was startled by the issue of a sensational report by the Government Economy Committee declaring that the nation must find \$120,000,000 to balance next year's budget. A Cabinet Committee was set up to consider the report. On August 1st it was announced that the Bank of France and the Federal Reserve Bank of New York had each placed a credit of \$25,000,000 at the disposal of

the Bank of England. Mr. MacDonald began discussions on the international financial crisis with Mr. Stimson, the United States Secretary of State, during a holiday in Scotland. On August 17th the Prime Minister made a hurried return from the North and conferred with Ministers and Bankers on Britain's financial stability.

### NATIONAL GOVERNMENT

Mr. Baldwin, Mr. Chamberlain and Sir Herbert Samuel saw the Premier and Mr. Snowden. Afterwards the Premier conferred with the Labour party leaders and with the T.U.C. and Labour Executive. After long conferences and discussions, the Labour Party resigned, the majority of Ministers refusing to accept cuts in unemployment pay recommended by the Economy Committee.

On August 23rd the King hurriedly returned from Balmoral to London and received Mr. MacDonald, Mr. Baldwin and Sir Herbert Samuel. The following day Mr. MacDonald was entrusted with the task of forming a National Government and Parliament was summoned specially to meet to balance the Budget. The new Cabinet contained four Labour representatives, 4 Conservatives and 2 Liberals.

### MR. SNOWDEN

On September 10th, Mr. Snowden introduced his emergency budget in an atmosphere as dramatic as had occurred in the House of Commons since the war. After announcing drastic increases in taxation and economies which were likely to press heavily on large sections of the community he made a striking appeal to the patriotism of Parliament and the country. Quoting Swinburne's lines "Come the world against her, Britain yet shall stand" Mr. Snowden received a remarkable ovation, Liberals and Conservatives rising in their places and waving handkerchiefs and order papers, and greeting the Chancellor with loud and prolonged cheering.

### OFF GOLD

Events in the next few weeks moved rapidly. On Sept. 20th the Cabinet decided, after consultation with the Bank of England, to suspend temporarily the Gold Standard. On October 5th the Cabinet agreed to an immediate general election as a united body. After a short and sharp campaign polling took place and resulted in an overwhelming victory for the National Government, all the former Labour Cabinet being defeated except Mr. Lansbury.

Mr. MacDonald took a particularly vigorous part in the fight and secured a remarkable victory at Seaham Harbour where he had a majority of nearly six thousand in one of the strongest Labour seats in the country.

### HEALTH GIVES WAY

But during 1932, the Prime Minister's health gave rise to the gravest fears and the most startling rumours were circulated to the effect that he was going partially or totally blind. The rumours had a certain foundation, for his eyesight was at one time in danger, and Mr. MacDonald was twice operated on with great success, although he remained under constant supervision by his doctors. He retired from the Premiership in favour of Mr. Baldwin in 1935, and from politics on the reorganisation of the Government after the Coronation.

### MARGARET MACDONALD

No sketch of the life of Mr. Ramsay MacDonald can be complete without a reference to his marriage and the vital part which that marriage

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## ACCIDENT AT VALLEY

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Another accident occurred this morning at the Valley, but happily without any serious effect. This time Mr. R. L. Tao, the Northern Chinese jockey was concerned.

He took out Solerina, one of this year's Australian ponies belonging to Mr. Chiu Cheong-fan and went out for a trial gallop in company with Bravado. When nearing the Members' Stand, to the surprise of the onlookers, both pony and rider came down together.

Mr. Tao did not appear to move, and it was at first thought that he might have suffered serious injury, but on assistance being rendered to him he got up and went back to the Jockey Room apparently none the worse for his unfortunate experience, although he was a little shaken up.

The pony had scratches on both knees, but not serious enough to warrant its destruction.

## GOLF STARTING TIMES

The following are the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club starting times for Fanning, to-morrow:—

- Notes:—(1) The Captain of the Club will place a wreath on the Club War Memorial at about 9.10 a.m.  
(2) Bombs will be fired at 11.00 and 11.02.  
(3) Trains from Kowloon at 8.25 (Slip), 8.40 (Sheung-shui 9.40), 9.20 (Sheung-shui 1.07).

### OLD COURSE

- 8.52 a.m. T. J. Price, H. N. Williamson.  
9.20 " F. A. Redmond, A. D. Humphreys.  
9.24 " A. A. Bremner, C. Austin.  
9.28 " D. J. Gilmore, R. K. M. Simpson.  
9.32 " L. R. Geare, F. Groves.  
9.36 " A. V. Greaves, W. G. Robertson.  
9.40 " F. C. Young, G. T. May.  
9.44 " N. K. Littlejohn, A. B. Purves.  
9.48 " W. J. Dyer, O. Eager.  
9.52 " R. H. Griffiths, W. Keith Robinson.  
9.56 " G. C. Worral, J. F. Parker.  
10.00 " R. K. Boulds, D. S. Robb.  
10.02 " H. Overy, W. J. E. MacKenzie.

### NEW COURSE

- 10.02 a.m. Mrs. Overy, Mrs. MacKenzie.  
10.06 " V. R. and Mrs. Gordon.

## MR. MACDONALD'S BODY TO BE EMBALMED

London, To-day.

Mrs. Ramsay MacDonald died last night at sea, the news coming as a great shock in political circles.

Mr. MacDonald sailed for South America on November 4 on board the liner Reina del Pacifico on what was to have been a three-months cruise.

News of his death reached England in a radio message addressed to his son-in-law, Dr. Mackinnon, who told Reuter that he presumed Mr. MacDonald had died from heart failure.

The body is being embalmed and is being taken on to Bermuda. — Reuter.

riage played in his career. It has been said to be his greatest success, as it was his greatest happiness, which was curtailed so soon. The daughter of Dr. Hall Gladstone and niece of Lord Kelvin, Margaret MacDonald exercised a fine spirit of influence over her husband. Before it was too late she succeeded in softening the austerity and hardness which are often the inevitable inhibitions of the lonely man driven in upon himself, and it is probable that if she had lived she died in 1911 — many errors in judgment of his later years would not have been made. There was a rare partnership. They ploughed the same furrow. Mr. MacDonald's memoir of his wife is a fine and sincere work in which is revealed something of his own nature as well as hers, and as a memoir of the spirit may be said to rank with Sir Edmund Gosse's "Father and Son."



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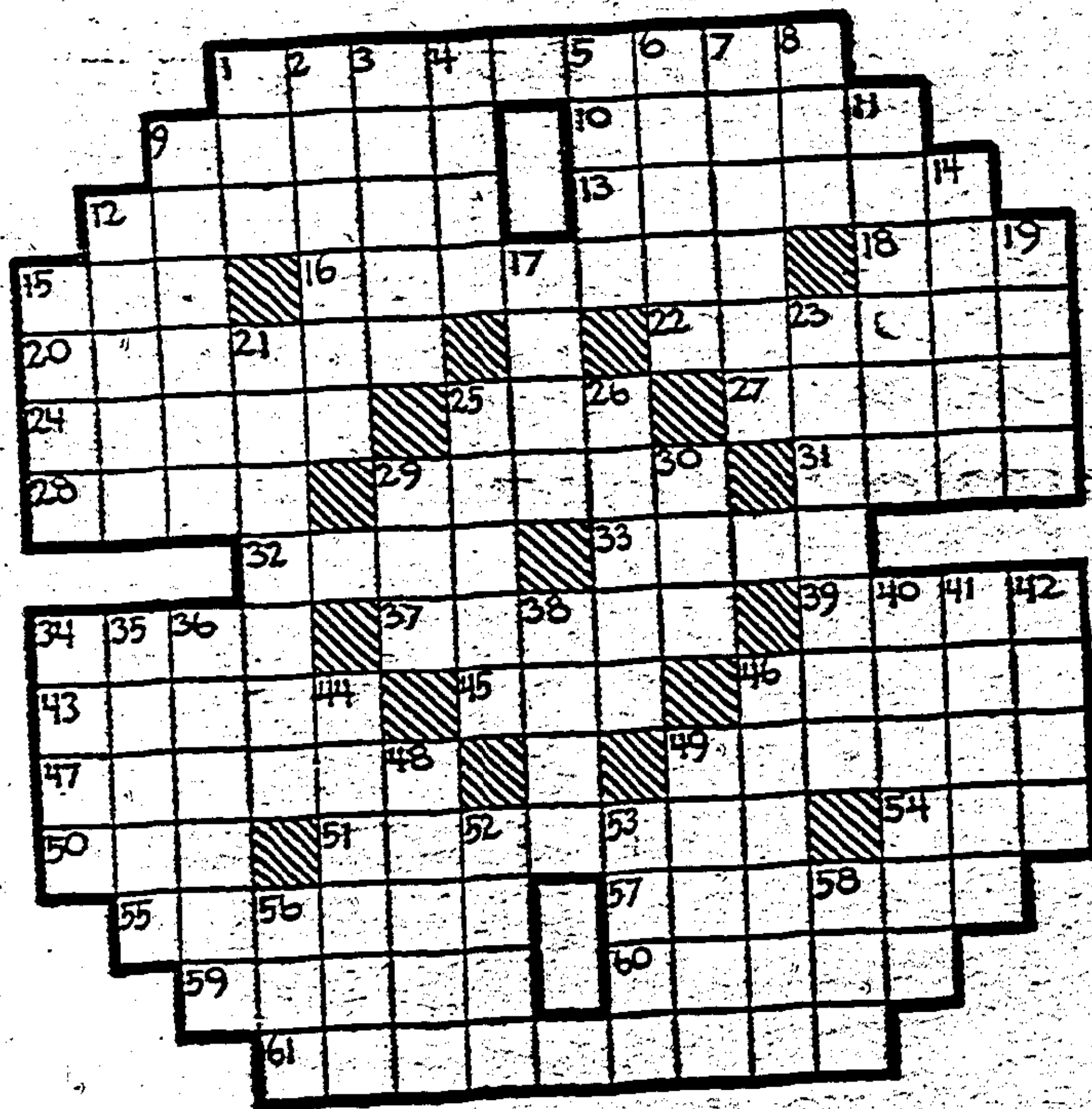
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## DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE

This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert  
but our readers are warned to look out for occasional  
phonetic spelling, such as harbor, plow, and altho.



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|-----------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>HORIZONTAL</b>     | <b>HORIZONTAL (Cont.)</b> | <b>VERTICAL (Cont.)</b> |
| 1-Contract            | 46-Combining form.        | 14-Gave out             |
| 8-Danger              | Other                     | 15-Land measure         |
| 10-Move beyond the    | 47-Gained                 | 17-Course of food       |
| jurisdiction of (Law) | 49-Scotch-plaid fabric    | 19-Indites              |
| 12-Wall paintings     | 50-A book of the Bible    | 21-Term                 |
| 13-Fell into line     | (abbr.)                   | 22-Fly in pieces        |
| 15-Swiss river        | 51-Military man           | 25-Large drain          |
| 16-Sewing implements  | 54-Part of verb "To be"   | 26-Distorts             |
| 18-Cover              | 55-Ancient sect of Jews   | 28-Encountered          |
| 20-Crowns             | 57-Vermint: a corruption  | 30-Permit               |
| 22-To cuddle          | 58-Beistle (Surg.)        | 34-Walk                 |
| 24-Ascends            | 60-Partaking to Asia      | 35-Bub. out             |
| 25-Use needle and     | 61-Slowly                 | 36-March                |
| thread                |                           | 38-Repaid               |
| 27-Glowing brightness | <b>VERTICAL</b>           | 40-Gain                 |
| 28-Dines              | 1-Combining form: Air     | 41-Acquire knowledge    |
| 29-Hard element       | 2-Cedes                   | 42-Eagle                |
| 31-Annexes            | 3-Angers                  | 44-Spanish coin         |
| 32-Killed             | 4-Otherwise               | 45-Writer of negro      |
| 33-Cease from action  | 5-Repeat                  | stories                 |
| 34-Prefix: Half       | 6-Girl's name             | 48-Torment              |
| 37-Entice             | 7-Rackets                 | 52-Make a loan          |
| 39-Story              | 8-A metal                 | 53-John (Rus.)          |
| 43-Congregate         | 9-Finest                  | 56-Adjust               |
| 45-Residence (abbr.)  | 11-Ensnared               | 58-Masculine (abbr.)    |
|                       | 12-Girl's name            |                         |

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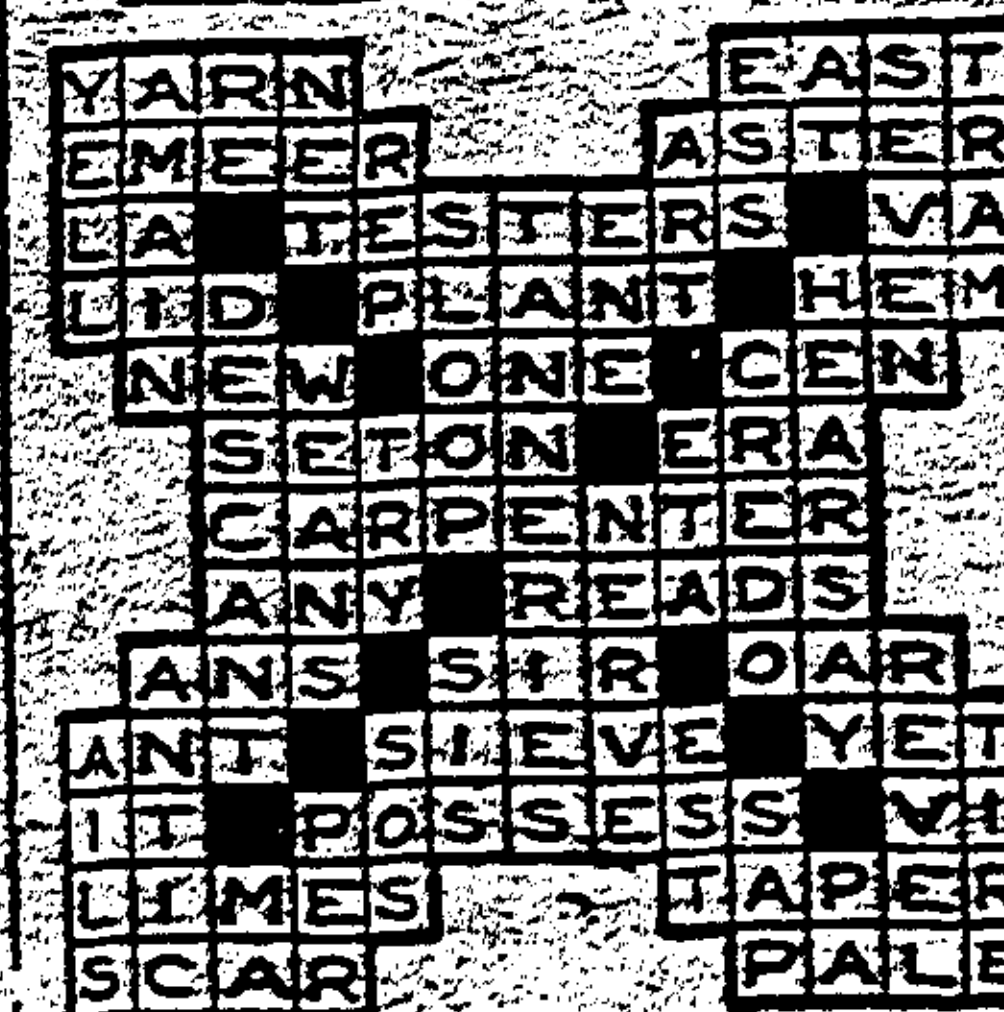
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### YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION





## GUERRILLAS AT WORK IN NORTH CHINA

Tientsin, 2 p.m. To-day.  
Fighting along the Peiping-Hankow Railway and the Tientsin-Pukow Railways has been halted, pending further instructions, according to the Japanese military spokesman this afternoon.

Reports reaching here from other sources, however, indicate that the Tsinpu front has suffered a considerable withdrawal of forces owing to the demands in other sectors, while the Japanese admit that guerrilla operations along the Pei-Han Railway are causing them considerable embarrassment.—Our Own Correspondent.

## King Of Italy's Birthday Reception

Owing to unforeseen circumstances the s.s. "Conte Biancamano" has been delayed in Singapore and will not arrive here until late in the afternoon of the 11th instant.

The reception to be given by the Italian Consul General to celebrate the Birthday of H.M. King Victor Emmanuel, which should have taken place on board on November 11 from 12 noon to 1 p.m., has, therefore, been postponed until Friday, November 19, at the same time and place.

## ARAB OUTRAGE NEAR JERUSALEM

Jerusalem, To-day.  
The five Jews killed by Arabs yesterday morning were farm labourers employed at the Jewish settlement fourteen kilometres outside Jerusalem.

When attacked, they were peacefully tilling the fields. One of the workers carried a rifle, but the others were unarmed, and the attack was sudden and ruthless, so that they had no chance of defending themselves.

The authorities so far have failed to find any clue to the identity of the murderers.—Trans-Ocean.

## ARAGON FRONT OFFENSIVE

San Sebastian, To-day.  
The Nationalist troops released following the victory on the Asturias front will shortly be utilised in a large-scale offensive on the Aragon front.

Military activity on this front at present mainly consists of "feeler" operations by the Nationalist outposts preparatory to the big drive.—Trans-Ocean.

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## ALIENS ORDINANCE OFFENCE

Vilhensel Solomon Alexandrovich, aged 27, a Russian, was this morning fined \$10 by Mr. R. Edwards at the Central Magistracy when charged with failing to notify the Police of a change of address.

Defendant stated that he had on previous occasions notified the Police but in this case he had given a letter to the clerk of the Y.M.C.A. to post and apparently the letter had gone astray or the clerk had forgotten to post it.

Sub-Inspector Edwards said defendant had previously notified the police. In this case, when asked, defendant said he had told some one to notify the Police but did not mention anything about a letter.

Defendant was traced to No. 49B, Peking Road, after considerable trouble.

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## NANTAO DEFIANCE MORE THAN BRAVADO

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to-day, in cooperation with the 609th Regiment. Reports indicate a Chinese intention of withdrawing from the stronghold, but at noon to-day they had successfully beaten off all attacks.

The Japanese announce, however, that they expect to take Nantao before nightfall.

### HUNGJAO FIGHTING

The situation west of Hungjao Aerodrome remains somewhat obscure, but it is evident from the sounds of artillery and machine-gun fire that the Chinese are still fighting stubborn rearguard actions while the process of reorganising the line to meet the new conditions is proceeding.

The danger at the moment is chiefly from the new Japanese force which has reached Tsinpu and is driving towards Kumshan on the railway.—Our Own Correspondent.

## FURIOUS FIRE

Shanghai, To-day.

Desperate fighting has started on the southern border of the French Concession along Zhaiwei Creek and Siccawei Creek.

French troops and police are lining the north bank of Siccawei Creek and tens of thousands of Chinese refugees packed into French Concession streets running north from the Creek, are watching Japanese tanks exchanging furious fire with the Chinese posts.

Shanghai presents a most appalling picture of misery, as refugees, many of them wounded and all homeless and destitute, wander aimlessly through the Concession and the Settlement.—Reuter.

## POPE CONTINUES ACTIVITIES

Rome, To-day.

Pope Pius XI is leading a much more active life following his return from the country where his stay had such a beneficial effect on his health.

He has opened several new religious buildings, and yesterday addressed 7,000 young newly-weds on the significance of the Christian family.—Trans-Ocean.

## NEWS FLASHES

The world to-day possesses approximately 63,000 aeroplanes, more than 42,000 of which are military or naval machines. To-day the world possesses more than 3,000,000 ROYAL Typewriters, which is the greatest number manufactured since ROYAL made its appearance in the business world.

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